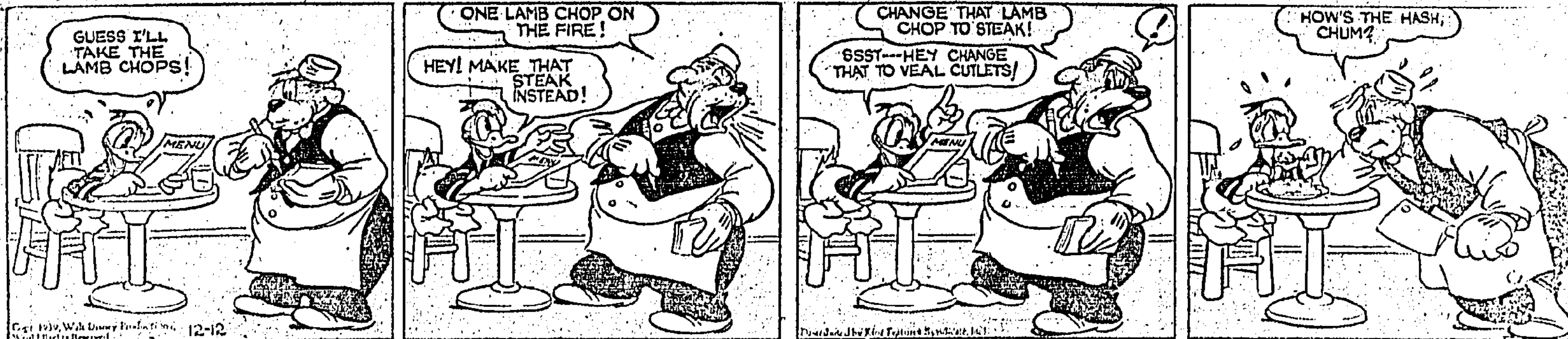


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MURDER IN AEROPLANE

NEW YORK.
 KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED in mid-air by a mad pilot—this is believed to be the fate of an ace American aviator.
 A young man arrived at Brookfield flying field and asked Carl Bivens, flying instructor, for a lesson.
 "O.K. I'll give you twenty minutes," Bivens said. For thirty minutes the plane circled the district, then disappeared eastward.
 Later reports reached Brookfield that a yellow plane had been seen stunting.
 Police believe this was caused through a struggle between Bivens and his kidnapper.
 To-night Brookfield Police Chief Cassidy said: "From the descriptions of Elven's so-called pupil, we've little doubt that he's the same man who last summer tried to kidnap a girl in a plane."
 Confirmation of this theory came from Farmer Gilbert Stratt, who lives in a lonely district 100 miles from Brookfield.
 A plane landed in one of his fields.
 There was one occupant, a young man who had a pistol and wore overalls bearing dark brown stains.
 The man begged Farmer Stratt to sell him petrol, paying him a big sum for a supply.
 Then, in gratitude, he took Stratt for a short flight.
 Stratt noticed that the plane seats also bore dark red stains. Later Stratt heard a radio description of the kidnapper and realised that this was the man to whom he'd sold the petrol.
 Police believe that Bivens was murdered in the plane and his body thrown out.

Holland Hides Her Old Masters

AMSTERDAM.
 TOURISTS who visit Dutch art galleries these days no longer see any of the great Masters which have made Holland famous all over the world.

BIG RADIO SCHEME

CHICAGO, (UP).—Elliott Roosevelt, son of the President and head of the Texas radio network, announced formation of a new coast-to-coast chain of radio broadcasting stations.
 Roosevelt said the new chain would operate in competition with the Columbia Broadcasting System, the National Broadcasting Company and the Mutual network.
 He said the chain was incorporated as the Transcontinental Broadcasting Co., at Wilmington, Del., with seven stockholder-directors who were holding their first meeting in Chicago to elect officers.
 "The Texas network is a part of the new chain but I do not want to give the impression that I am the organizer of the chain. I am, as operator of radio stations, only a 1/100 part of it," he said.
 Roosevelt said the chain would include a few stations of 50,000 watt power but the majority of them would be in the 5,000 watt group, the second largest classification issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

Masterpieces by Rembrandt and Frans Hals and other artists of the 17th century schools were carefully taken out of their vaults when war broke out.
 They were packed in water-and air-tight cases and hidden for the duration of the war.
 In barges
 Their hiding places are somewhere in Holland, but they are known only to a few people.
 Barges and boats store some of them. One might see a simple-looking ship on a Dutch canal without even suspecting that it had on board treasures worth millions.
 Underground vaults in the dunes conceal objects of enormous value. Little islands in the north of Holland are the hiding-places of others.
 The very best pictures of the modern Dutch school now take the place of the Old Masters.
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44 Names In Twelfth R.A.F. Casualty List

THERE are 44 names in the twelfth list of Royal Air Force casualties issued by the Air Ministry.
 "Killed in action" means while fighting; "killed on active service" covers those who died from other causes, including crashes and other accidents in our own territory. The names are:
 Killed in Action
 MELVILLE, TOWNSEND, 20223, Pilot Officer, R. J.
 TAYLOR, 23070, Aircraftman, 1st Class, H. W.
 WALSH, 20423, Sergeant, R.
 Previously reported "Missing" now reported killed in action
 HOWELL, 20707, Sergeant, O. L. D.
 LIGHTFOOT, 20704, Flying Officer, H. D.
 MOLLER, 20707, Aircraftman, 2nd Class, F. G.
 MURPHY, 20707, Pilot Officer, W. J.
 CHAMBERLAIN, 20707, Leading Aircraftman, J. B.
 SOFFE, 20707, Aircraftman, 1st Class, C. W.
 SERSTON, 20707, Sergeant, P. E. D.
 Killed on Active Service
 BARWELL, 20707, Pilot Officer, G. F. A.
 CORDELL, 20707, Sergeant, H. & W.
 CHURCHILL, 20707, Pilot Officer, E. E.
 FARMER, 20707, Sergeant, S. J.
 GIBSON, 20707, Flying Officer, D. R. D.
 HAMMOND, 20707, Pilot Officer, R.
 HARRISON, 20707, Acting Sergeant, R. L.
 HINDS, 20707, Pilot Officer, R. W.
 JACO, 20707, Pilot Officer, E. H.
 LAMB, 20707, Pilot Officer, K. G.
 MARRAS, 20707, Sergeant, S. J.
 MATHIAS, 20707, Aircraftman, 1st Class, W. L.
 MURPHY, 20707, Sergeant, R.
 MURPHY, 20707, Acting Pilot Officer, S. D.
 NEWELL, 20707, Sergeant, R.
 G. H. C.
 ROSS, 20707, Acting Pilot Officer, W. L.
 STRONG, 20707, Sergeant, R.
 SUMMERS, 20707, Sergeant, R.
 THORNTON, 20707, Sergeant, V. B.
 THYNN, 20707, Pilot Officer, R.

Disillusioned By Their Nazi Masters SEEDS OF REVOLT SOWN IN SLOVAKIA

SLOVAKIA, DRAINED OF ITS LIMITED RESOURCES, ITS PEOPLE DEMORALISED AND DISSIDENT, AWAITS A HARD WINTER.

Whereas their brother Czechs derive a certain moral strength from their united stand against Nazism, the mockery of victory and independence that has been given the Slovaks saps purpose, breeding a bitter defeatism. But the seeds of rebellion are growing, carefully tended by these Protestant realists who, in spite of informers and spies, have kept alive an illegal organisation since Germany's puppets were installed in power.

The King Lunches in Cafe

By PAUL BEWSHER
 Madame Jeanne, who runs a little cafe on a winding country road in France, is a proud woman—proud and rather astonished.

For the King of England has sat down to lunch in her cheerful bar-room with the aspidochelone in the corner.

And with the King of England was his brother, the Duke of Gloucester, and Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in France.
 The King had his meal sitting on an ordinary kitchen chair. He would not take Christmas pudding, because, he said, it would make him sleep, refused wine, but drank a little whisky.
 He cut the luncheon short to have more time with the troops.
 Mrs. Jeanne, fair-haired and handsome, recently had her cafe taken over—as the corporals' mess—of famous Guards regiment.

Hour's Notice
 She received only an hour's notice to expect "an important guest" and thought it might be General Gamelin.
 Then she read in the paper that the King was in the sector, and guessed who the important person might be.
 She found she had just time to send her waitress into the nearby town for a bouquet of flowers.
 Then set to work to make the cafe as neat as a pin.
 She was glad she got those flowers in time. When the King arrived he complimented her on them.
 He also showed great interest in the news that her husband is serving in the Maginot Line and that she is carrying on alone.
 "Ah, monsieur, I am so happy and proud that I hardly know what I am doing," Madame Jeanne said to me.
 "While I was preparing the cafe, my brother-in-law called in, and I told him 'The King of England is taking luncheon in the cafe to-day!'"
 "He said, 'You are mad.' He could not believe it."

"Look So Cold"
 "Oh, monsieur, I will have such a letter to write to my husband. Perhaps he will hardly believe it, either."
 "When the King came in I thought he looked so young and fit, but oh, so cold."
 "I wanted to give him something to warm him—and not my novers."
 "But I gave him the flowers, and he was charming. I liked his unassuming manner. He came in here just as one of your fine, young Guardsmen would come in—simple and natural."
 "And I was especially glad to welcome him to my little cafe because my mother, who is lying ill upstairs, has been visited many times by the English doctor with the soldiers."
 "He has made her—oh, so much, much better."
 "Any Englishman is very welcome in my house. But, Monsieur, I never could believe your King himself would visit me."

10 Days After Father
 Flying Officer Albert Anthony Vickers, whose name appears among those killed, died only ten days after the death of his father, Mr. Vincent Cartwright Vickers, Deputy-Lieutenant of the City of London, and only two months after his engagement to Miss Irene Mary Mann-Thomson.
 Sergeant S. Moore, now reported a prisoner of war, has not yet seen his daughter, Maureen Elizabeth, who was born four days after war started, but his 24-year-old wife has heard the good news that her husband is safe.

The war with Poland was very unpopular, and many incidents during the mobilisation showed public sentiment.

Villages in western Slovakia often solidly refused the call to arms.

In Lab the reservists, aided by women and children, chased away the gendarmes who came to post up the proclamation, and only on the arrival of German troops were forced at the bayonet-point to enter the lorries.

At Jablonica, where reservists from a large area were concentrated, the hatred of the people against the priests and Hlinka Guards exploded in armed revolt, in which Hlinka Guards were killed.

A trainload of protesting troops then left for the north, to be surrounded by a German force at Trencin and disarmed.

Official accounts of Slovak participation in the Polish campaign are scanty, but Polish refugees in Hungary confirm that the Slovak soldiers had to be forced forward by the Germans in what the Propaganda Minister, Sano Mach, called "Slovakia's victorious surge into the Javorina".

Only 15 of 118 aeroplanes took the air, and of these seven deserted to Poland. Colonel Ambroz, head of the Slovak army in France, reported that Germany was using his planes on the grounds that German anti-aircraft gunners would mistake them for Polish. Refugees in Hungary describe how two Slovak airmen bombed the Polish lines with apples, and, after making a forced landing, offered their services immediately to the Polish command.

Immediately after the Polish campaign the Slovak Minister of War took the decision, independently of German advice, to demobilise his forces. Men have either returned to the villages or are confining their energies to the forests and howling for labour corps work in Poland. German troops, however, remain in occupation, as is shown by the report of a railway accident on October 12, in which four German soldiers were killed. The German minority is organised in special military units commanded by Reich German officers, forming a part of the Slovak army, and wearing Slovak uniforms with a distinguishing swastika badge on the sleeve.

Tiso's Christianity
 The single political party (excepting the minority parties) has saved itself from shrinking to a minute group in Bratislava by making membership of the Hlinka Guard and its kindred formations compulsory. During the summer there were many reports of the ranks of the Hlinka Guards. Some villages with more than 200 members of the Guard in April had less than a dozen in August. While the sober elements withdrew, the unruly had to be expelled because of irresponsible anti-Jewish actions which were crippling the retail trade of the entire land. At the first general meeting of the renamed Hlinka People's Party, which took place in Trencin on October 12, Mr. Tiso was elected leader, and all Protestants were excluded from committee. It was decided that failure to join the party would be punished by 14 days' imprisonment or a fine of 5,000 crowns.

Tiso continues to wield a certain influence in country districts by his skilful use of religion in the service of politics. During the summer months it is the traditional custom of the Slovaks to assemble in vast crowds at various shrines, and there to spend a Sunday picnicking in the churchyards, purchasing the tawdry objects with which their cottages are decorated, and, in the evening, dancing and drinking. It was at such gatherings that Tiso made his

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Dutch Plane Crashes

Singapore, Jan. 22.
 All five passengers and three of the crew were killed and a mechanic injured when a Lockheed plane crashed to-day while taking off from Ball for Sydney.

The plane belonged to the Royal Netherlands Indies Airways—United Press.

Goodwill Flight
 En route home from a goodwill flight to Rome, the Japanese monoplane Yamato left Hanoi at 9.20 this morning for Canton—Domst.

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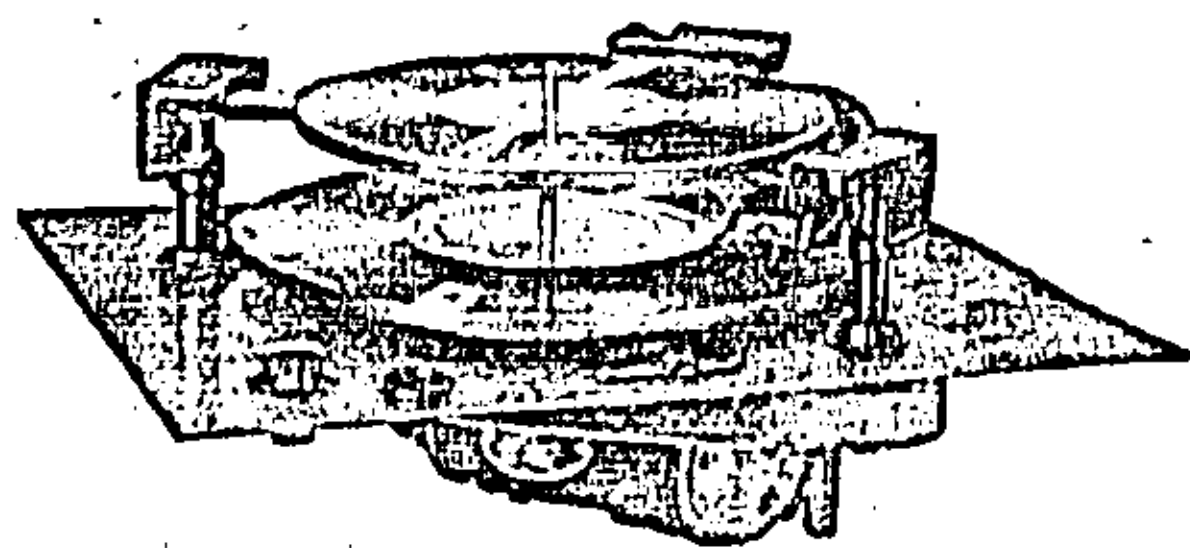
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Discredited Oracle

THERE is an oft-told legal anecdote about a man who after being tried for stealing a pair of trousers, and after having been given the benefit of the doubt, was informed by his counsel that he might leave the dock. "But I can't," was the reply. "I've got the trousers on!" That anecdote would illustrate any attempt by Wang Ching-wei or the Japanese to convince that the secret agreement between them, so dramatically exposed by two of Wang's erstwhile followers, is anything but what it is meant to be—the betrayal of one-fifth of the world's population into bondage.

Indeed, Wang Ching-wei's chief secretary, Chen Chun-po, has realised the difficulty of repudiating the agreement and has admitted that the text published in Hongkong is genuine. He excuses the severity of the terms as "only representing the Japanese demands and not including Wang Ching-wei's counter demands or the terms which were actually agreed upon."

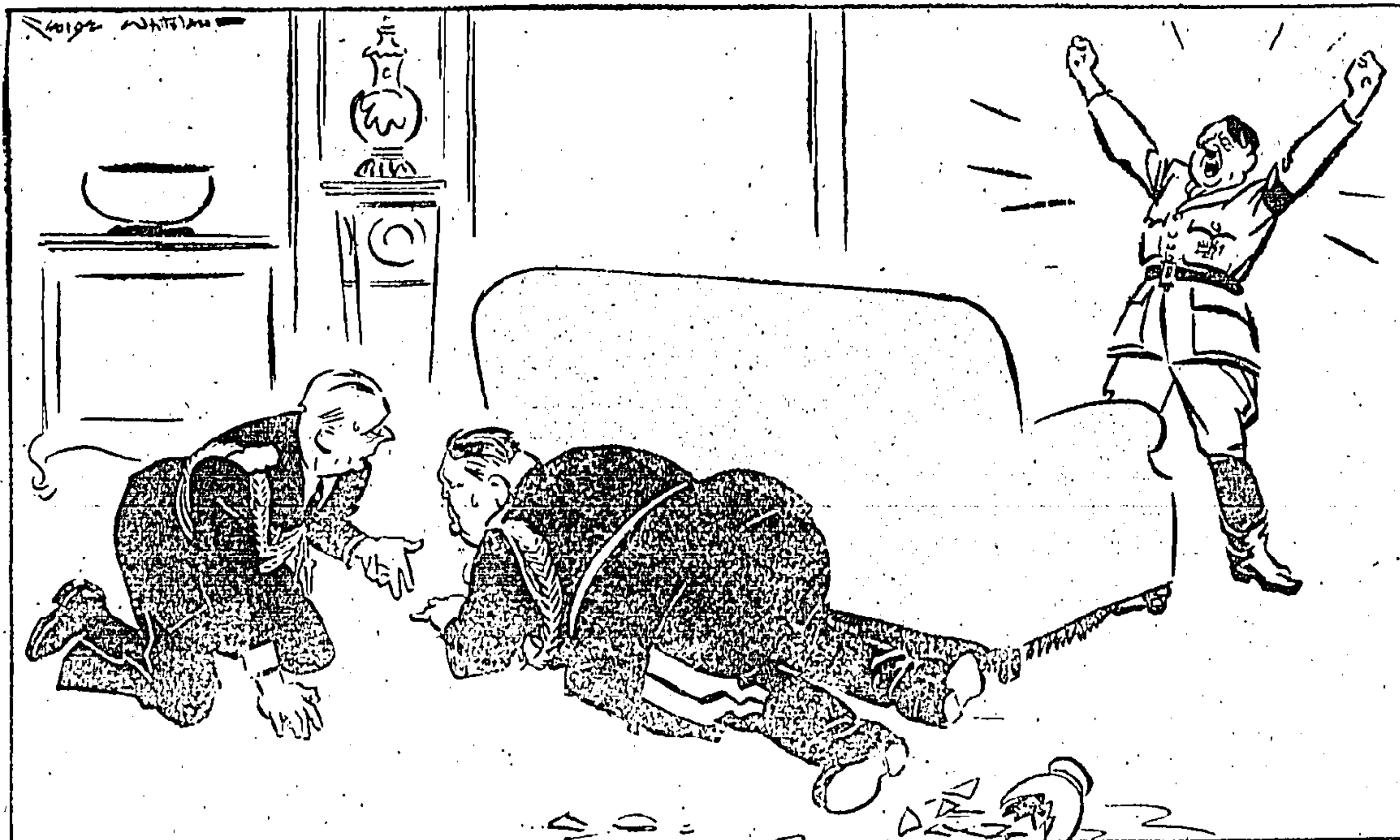
"The real terms," he continues in almost apologetic explanation, "are not detrimental to China's sovereignty or independence."

Admission that the terms are those which Japan "seeks to impose" on China after two and a half years of warfare in which China, by the means the most exhausted of the belligerents, and the further admission that Wang Ching-wei was even prepared to discuss peace and the formation of a new "government" with these terms as a basis of discussion, are not only a complete game as an enemy to the Chinese people. If the evidence tendered by Wang's former supporters is so irrefutable that it brings admission from Wang's own camp, are we not then to believe that the further allegation by Kai Tsung-wu and the like—that Wang has actually signed the terms disclosed in the photostat reproductions—the two men claim that the treaty was signed in a Japanese hotel in Shanghai on December 30—is also irrefutable? Chen Chun-po claims that Wang's counter-claims have been adopted by the Japanese; that they are not detrimental to Chinese independence, "but the time is not yet ripe for publication." Why? If the terms are to be on occasion rejecting to the Chinese people, would not this be the most opportune time to publish them, in view of the irreparable damage done to Wang's already discredited cause by exposure of what is admitted to be, at the very least, the basis on which he negotiated with Japan.

Japan's bull-headedness in the past in her dealings not only with China but with third Powers does not offer support for Chen Chun-po's claim that she has, between December 30 and yesterday, weakened to such an extent that she completely abandoned the demands exposed yesterday and has agreed to substitute claims "not detrimental to China's sovereignty or independence."

There are damning facts which Wang and his followers—we predict that Kai Tsung-wu and Tai Hsi-sheng will not be the last defectors—cannot conceal from the outer world, however and they subscribe to Wang's conscience. There are the trousers—the betrayal of a Central Government and a leader whom Wang pledged to support; the secret negotiations in the capital of an enemy whose planes were bombing Chinese women and children; the demands upon which Wang entered negotiation and, according to two of his close followers, actually signed.

There is, doubtless, large allowance to be made for Wang Ching-wei. He is a disappointed and discredited man, who is actually conscious that his reputation has just whatever share it had. He who now faces charges of treason if he ever returns to that part of his country not oc-



RIBBENTROP: "It was all very well for Schuschnigg and Benes, but this is beyond a joke!"

Still we use the DOGS OF WAR..

DOGS, hundreds of them, are "serving" in the Maginot Line.

They still have a place in modern armies. New mechanical inventions can no more replace them than they can replace foot-soldiers.

Many people early in the last war were shocked to see photos of dogs in Belgium pulling light rubber-wheeled carriages mounted with machine-guns.

To-day dogs are still used. In the Maginot Line there are hundreds of them. They are used for three main purposes.

First of all, there are the "watch-dogs." For this purpose Alsatians, Groenendals, and Malinois are best. They are used at observation posts to supplement the warning of approaching planes given by the delicate detecting instruments.

In 1915 a well-known watch-dog, "Lion," was capable of giving the alarm 10 minutes before an enemy plane came in sight.

His behaviour was characteristic. He would lift his head, look up at the sky, constantly and violently shake his body and give short but repeated barks.

Every man in the company knew the signs. Not once was the dog mistaken.

Watch-dogs can also give the alarm if an enemy soldier is creeping across the ground ahead. A dog has far more sensitive powers of hearing than a human being. Watch him. Every move made by the prowler, unheard by the sentry, is immediately heard by the dog.

His head points towards the place where the soldier lurks. A move to the left or to the right is registered at once by the dog slightly moving his head.

Secondly, war-dogs are used by the Army Medical Corps. They go at night with the stretcher-bearers into No-Man's Land, searching for wounded.

In the dark human searchers often miss wounded men, lying unconscious, incapable of attracting attention. So the dogs are specially trained to "smell out" the wounded.

cupped by his countrymen's enemy was the very adviser who, five years ago, told China to beware of Japanese intrigue. Certainly, he will claim that he but seeks to put China on a new basis, and will pretend that the Power which has been held up as the arch-enemy of China is a really kindred spirit with whom it is most natural to be on neighbourly terms. But Wang can surely not claim that the "new basis" disclosed yesterday is calculated to inspire either confidence or respect.

And thirdly, dogs are used as "runners" or "carriers."

Attacking parties can use them to send back messages to headquarters when a soldier could not get through and when the distance is too short for the use of pigeons.

Such a dog has to cross the enemy's fire. He must be cunning, swift, and very carefully trained.

Greyhounds, deerhounds and wolfhounds are usually best at this work.

Food and ammunition can be carried by dogs as well as messages. A heavier dog is needed for this—Great Danes, St. Bernards, Alaskas.

When incessant artillery fire makes it impossible for the Army Service Corps men to reach the forward trenches, they can send these dogs specially laden through the maze of communication trenches to revictual cut-off outposts.

For days on end they may be the sole source of supply for troops engaged in heavy fighting.

Dogs are indeed precious to the soldier—even to-day.

P. B.

Turkey's Choice WHAT IT MEANS

by W. N. Ewer

TURKEY declines the Russian proposals. Her decision is of the first importance to us.

For behind the pact proposals was a more far-reaching idea. To lure Turkey away from her friendship with Britain and France; to lure her into the Russo-German camp.

It is part of a diplomatic offensive into territory and waters which are vitally important for the British Empire.

For a hundred and fifty years—ever since General Bonaparte conceived the idea of attacking the Indian Empire by the invasion of Egypt—it has been understood here that the Eastern Mediterranean is of nearly as much consequence to us as the Channel or the North Sea.

From the moment that Nelson sailed for the Nile we have never for a moment taken our eyes off these parts. All through the nineteenth century the "Eastern Question" was the main preoccupation of British statesmanship.

So it has been, so it must be. For more than ever since the Suez

Canal was made this is part of a "life line" of the Empire—the route to India, to Australia, to New Zealand, to East Africa.

Relatively to this area of "vital interest" to the British Commonwealth, Turkey occupies a position of supreme strategic importance. She lies at the very heart of the route which either of the East European Powers must take if they are to menace us there. She is the guardian of the Straits, the strongest of the Balkan Powers.

She and we have a deep community of interest. She must, and we must, for our very safety, oppose and prevent a drive from the north to the Mediterranean, whether it comes from Berlin or from Moscow. That has been an axiom both of British and of Turkish policy for a century and more.

Exceptions to the rule have been rare, and always unfortunate. The Turkey of Kemal has understood Turkish interests better than did Talat and Djavid and Enver. After the war and its ill legacies had been liquidated Turkey has followed two rules.

She has kept on the most friendly terms with her great military neighbour to the north. Friendship with Russia, so long as Russia had no Balkan ambitions herself and was opposed to them in anybody else, was a fixed and a wise rule.

So was friendship with Great Britain, her great naval neighbour to the South, whose interests were clearly the same as hers—the keeping of the peace in the Balkans and in the Aegean.

For Britain a strong, and independent Turkey is a bulwark against aggression in a region of first concern to us. For Turkey, Britain is an invaluable support should her strength and independence be threatened.

Between the two Turkish policies of friendship with Russia and friendship with Britain there should have been no clash, no incompatibility.

M. Sarajoglu has worked hard these three weeks in Moscow to persuade the Russians of this.

He has—with the cordial agreement of London and Paris—offered M. Molotov every concession and every assurance to make it plain that the Anglo-Turkish and Franco-Turkish pacts would in no way be directed against the Soviet Union.

But M. Molotov and indeed M. Stalin himself have demanded too much. They have insisted on terms which would have made the pacts pointless: on terms which would have placed Turkey almost under Russian tutelage; they have declined to give her any safeguard against a German aggression in the Balkans. They have forced the Turkish Government to choose. And it has made the choice which Turkish interests required.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



RUSSIAN SERVANTS

Soviet Consul's Action To Give Employment

Tientsin, Jan. 22.
The Soviet Consul-General, M. Serge Nitikin, informed a corre-

spondent to-day that he recently replaced the entire Chinese staff and also the servants with Russian men because many Russians in Tientsin were without employment.

It is rumoured that the substitution was made owing to the Chinese servants giving information to the Japanese.—United Press.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

PEACE OR ELSE

LONDON, Jan. 22 (UP).—The dispatches received in London from the "Sunday Observer" says information has been received in Sweden, Holland, Switzerland and Italy that German agents, calling themselves delegations, have crossed the frontier from Germany and made known that their mission is to suggest all other basis for an immediate armistice.

They say this is that Germany evacuated Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria, which will agree to a Customs union with Germany, and that Hitler will be deposed and replaced by a German emperor. If the suggestion is not accepted, "hell will be let loose," they declare.

President's Aims

Quezon Makes Address To Assembly

Manila, Jan. 22. In an address at the opening of the National Assembly today, President Quezon said he was opposed to continuing the present political set-up between the United States and the Philippines beyond 1946.

Mr. Quezon admitted there was widespread international aggression which caused fear in the minds of many Americans and Filipinos for the future independence of the Philippines, but in his opinion no one could predict the future of any small independent nation.

In warning the Filipinos he said: "If we want to assume control of our country's destiny we must be willing to assume all responsibilities, including national defence."

Mr. Quezon declared that the United States would be willing to consider the mere postponement of independence, and therefore the Philippines would have to decide on the risks of independence or resign themselves to permanent American retention of the islands, but they could not consider permanent relationships with the United States unless the Philippines received full rights of control over currency, public debt, foreign affairs and immigration. (Under the Commonwealth these are under United States control). He admitted there was small chance of the United States granting this if she retained the islands.

Mr. Quezon praised the United States policy of keeping out of the war.

Mr. Quezon reported that revenues last year exceeded the budget estimates by 6,020,000 pesos. The national debt was fully serviced and was now 79,500,000 pesos. He urged the creation of a "producer's and consumer's co-operative" throughout the country and recommended the creation of Government tobacco and coconut corporations to aid in the improvement of both industries.

The tobacco industry, which is at present subject to a quota in the United States market, was facing dire straits, he said, and he particularly urged the development of tobacco and cigarettes as the Philippines was now the United States' biggest foreign cigarette market.

The High Commissioner, Mr. Francis B. Sayre, and Admiral Thomas Hart are attending the session.—United Press.

SMALL NATIONS

Greatest Fear Is From The Warring Parties

Copenhagen, Jan. 22. "Small neutral nations are not grateful to Churchill for trying to draw them into the international quarrel," says the Politiken. "What they fear most is not Germany or the Western Powers themselves, but the great interest being shown in them by the parties."

"The best friend of the neutral Powers is he who acknowledged their strong determination to maintain their neutrality and thus grant them peace in which to welcome their own grave problems."

"This peace has not been given Finland. The brutal, unequal attack on that country presents a bigger and nobler task to the Great Powers than trying to drag other small neutral nations into the whirlpool."—Reuter.

American View

New York, Jan. 22. Neutrals will not appreciate the invitation to intervene, says the New York Times, commenting on Mr. Churchill's broadcast.

The paper says, "For all its occasional lapses, the speech was a good one. There is good reason for the Germans to hate Mr. Churchill as their arch-enemy."—Reuter.

JAPANESE ANNOYED BY BRITISH ACTION

Passengers Describe How Men were taken off

Serious developments are threatened by Japan in consequence of the stopping of the Japanese liner Asama Maru by a British warship on Sunday and the seizure of a number of Germans aboard.

Tokyo, Jan. 22. Captain Watanabe, who revealed that a British "Black List" of German military and naval authorities, "They had a list containing every German on the ship," he said. "They presented the list when I asked them if they had any evidence of identification of Germans aboard the ship."

"In my opinion it is to be expected and cannot be prevented that belligerent countries confiscate enemy goods or seize persons who would serve the enemy to advantage. I had no reason to deny that Germans of military age were among the passengers and permitted them to be handed over."

Captain Watanabe said that the British warship was a cruiser. The remaining 30 Germans were not handed when the Asama Maru arrived in Yokohama and it is expected they will go to Tokyo to-day and confer with the German Embassy officials.—United Press.

Passengers' Story

Tokyo, Jan. 22. Writing in the Japan Times, a Japanese passenger of the Asama Maru says: "I saw the thrilling episode in the initial repercussions of the European war on the Pacific to-day along with some 200 odd, but I followed passengers and 300 crew members that lined over the railings of this trans-Pacific liner to witness the dramatic transfer of 21 German seamen passengers at the hands of the British cruiser at the very gateway to Tokyo Bay."

"One of the German passengers who had been scanning the western horizon through a binocular glass for a glimpse of the approaching shores of Nippon was called by attention to a warship. The word soon got around and all took it for granted that the vessel was of the Japanese Navy but as the ship loomed closer, it was noticed that the colour of the ship was of lighter hue than the usual dark grey characterizing the Japanese warship."

"Yet the prevailing opinion that no warship could be so near to Japan than that of Japanese. I saw the ship suddenly cut across the bow of the Asama Maru."

"That is not Japanese. She is British," the German with the binoculars informed me with a troubled mind.

"It was clear that the ship was a cruiser although the flag was not quite discernible to the naked eye. The ship turned about as she crossed towards the portside and once again crossed directly in the path of our liner to the starboard."

"This time the British Union Jack was distinct and there was a murmur of excitement on board as every one sensed an incident of international significance—the high seas."

"Our odds against the German passengers on board. We were told before we left Los Angeles that there was a strong possibility of an incident on the Pacific when newspapers headlined the boarding of German seamen on their way from Berlin through Japan and Siberia."

"Code flags were hoisted by the cruiser in rapid succession. The flash signal was also in progress. Suddenly the puff of a blue smoke shot out of the forward turret of the British warship followed by a salvo from the gun. The crew members of the British cruiser now crowded on their starboard side as a launch containing a squad of seamen and an officer churned the water towards the port-bow of the Asama Maru."

Curious Passengers

"All photographic apparatus aboard were seen in action as the passengers and crew of the Asama Maru watched the event with tense interest. The feeling on board was definitely unpopular for the intruding cruiser."

"It was not long after that that the stewards were paying all German passengers to report at once to the first-class drawing room. No sooner had the Germans assembled than a British officer ignored the purser's passenger list to read off his own list of German names. All but two of the 23 German passengers called answered."

"A search was instituted for the missing individuals without avail. After consultation between the British officer, Captain Yoshida Watanabe of our liner and the head of the German seamen, the latter addressed the men called out in German explaining that they were prisoners."

"The British officer standing nearest to the British officer suddenly swung his fist striking the latter and staggering him to the floor. Applause and cheers broke the tense silence as curious passengers manifested their unanimous sympathies for the Germans."

"The Germans were told to gather their luggage. There was a hurried rush to their respective bunks to bring their baggage which they prepared in hopes of landing safely in Yokohama only a few hours hence. Many of the passengers, both foreign and Japanese exchanged good-bye and good luck with the

Germans climbing down the rope to the waiting launch below.

"Meanwhile, there were heated conversations on all sides regarding the manner of the foreign warship stopping, the merchant ship of a neutral country. Some Japanese passengers and crew members complained of the decision of the Asama Maru captain in permitting the release of the German passengers."

"Exactly two hours later the Asama Maru resumed its 100 miles voyage to Yokohama while the British cruiser stemmed off in the opposite direction."—Domei.

Press Headlines

Tokyo, Jan. 22. The story is displayed in banner headlines in this morning's newspapers.

"A British cruiser commits an act of piracy in the Japanese coastal zone," declared the caption of one journal. "The Foreign Office spokesman is expected to issue a statement, outlining the position."

A member of the Asama Maru crew said, "Though we could not resist the shipper's demand, our blood boiled with excitement. The Germans aboard were very congenial. Then this happened to our country before our nose. We are angry."—Reuter.

Grave Issue At Stake

Tokyo, Jan. 22. The "gravity of the issue at stake" was urged by the Joint Committee of the House of Representatives when it met at 1.15 o'clock this afternoon.—Domei.

"Disagreeable Incident"

Tokyo, Jan. 22. "The incident occurred very near shores and we consider it very disagreeable," declared the Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Suma, to-day. "What steps will be taken and whether a protest will be lodged will be decided later when more information is available."—United Press.

British Statement

Tokyo, Jan. 22. The British Embassy issued the following statement to-day: "The act is fully in accordance with International Law and precedent even during the present war. "The German Government has already acted in this manner. It is understood in the Asama Maru that all of Germans were not removed only technicians and skilled ratings being taken away as they would be useful to the German war effort."—Domei.

Rhodesia To Train Airmen

Empire Scheme Will Be Extended

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The British Government has approved of the establishment of an Empire Air Training Scheme in Southern Rhodesia.

The cost will be borne by the British Government, with the Southern Rhodesian Government contributing to it. Equipment and the majority of the instructional personnel and pupils will be provided by the British Government.

Schools to be established under the scheme will be under the control of the Southern Rhodesian Government and the existing training organisations in Southern Rhodesia will be incorporated in the new scheme.

When trained, the Southern Rhodesian personnel will be posted to the R.A.F., retaining their identity, and when sufficient numbers are available they will form Rhodesian Squadrons of the R.A.F.

Urban Council Vacancy

Dr. R. A. Basto Seeks Re-Election

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., (Eng.), L.R.C.P., (London) is to stand again for election to the Urban Council.

Dr. Basto has just vacated a seat on the Council at the expiration of a three years' term.

Dr. Basto is being nominated for re-election by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, and seconded by Mr. C. M. Mannors, O.B.E., President of the Kowloon Residents' Association. He has been serving as an elected member to the Council for the last nine years.

Should another nomination be put forward on or before Wednesday, January 31, Hongkong will find it necessary to vote a candidate to the Council for the first time since 1932. In the event of there being no contest for the vacancy, Dr. Basto will automatically become re-elected.

BIG CANADIAN LOAN SUCCESS

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The success of Canada's first war loan has encouraged the Canadian Government during December and January for the benefit of holiday-makers.

The first loan of £44,500,000 worth of Government securities actually brought in £71,500,000, not including the conversion of £12,000,000.

This shows that a large quantity of money in Canada is still awaiting investment, and the Dominion Minister of Finance announces that it is proposed to issue saving certificates similar to those issued in the last war.

Tribunal Meeting

Many Residents Appear At Yesterday's Session

Former members of the Russian navy and Italian army were among the 74 residents who appeared before the Compulsory Service Tribunal in the Council Chambers yesterday.

The Tribunal consisted of Mr. Justice Lindell (Chairman), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Major J. F. Benoy, Cmdr. W. P. McCarthy and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson.

A number of men who said they were the only ones in their family were allotted key posts. Several said they could not possibly give time to voluntary service as they worked overtime every day of the week, including Sundays, but were quite prepared to give their services in time of emergency.

Mr. Porter said he had applied for the Police Reserve and had received no reply. He was allocated to the Essential Services Group.

C. C. Roberts, of Taikee Dock, was given a key post.

H. Sande, of the Hongkong Bank, said he had joined the Volunteers before conscription came into force. He was transferred to the Essential Services Group, St. John Ambulance.

W. F. Smith, marine engineer on the Haiching, was given a key post. N. Stockton, Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph, brought a letter from the manager of his newspaper, asking that he be given a key post. This was granted.

R. A. Stride, of Lane Crawford, brought a letter from his firm stating that he was manager of the Provisions Department and had been earmarked for food control. He was given a key post.

E. T. S. Zimmern said he had broken his arm about a year ago and was unfit for active service. He was allocated to the Essential Services Group.

Case Adjourned

C. Botcherby, of the A.P.C., said he was 44 years old and was formerly a Singapore officer. His case was adjourned.

J. W. Abbie, formerly mercantile marine engineer, said he offered to join the Naval Volunteers, but had his application as he had to find a livelihood. He was exempted for three months.

A. S. Abbott, 43, of Kelly & Walsh, said he had already enrolled in the A. R. P. He was allocated to Essential Services.

C. Black, of Furness (Far East) Ltd., was given a key post.

A. E. Abing said he was in the A. R. P. and was allocated Essential Services.

E. J. Ainslie said he had been accepted in the dockyard fire service and was also doing censorship work. He had applied for the Naval Volunteers. He was allocated to Essential Services.

T. G. E. Alexander, of the P. and O. Co., was given a key post.

A. S. Allison said he had been accepted by the dockyard fire service. He was allocated to Essential Services.

C. J. Anderson said he hoped his oral and written knowledge of Chinese and 14 years experience in an insurance firm would be of use in an emergency, particularly as interpreter. He hoped that he would be of use in pacifying a rioting mob. He was allocated to Essential Services.

J. Anderson, funeral director, said he was the only one in his firm. He was allocated to Essential Services.

A.R.P. Deputy Warden

M. A. Annett said he had been appointed Deputy Warden of the A. R. P. He was allocated to Essential Services.

H. C. J. Asche, of St. Stephen's College, said the school was a long way from town and it would be difficult for him to attend parades and lectures. He was given a key post.

H. L. N. Ascougli, of Cable and Wireless, brought a letter from his firm. He was given a key post.

J. T. Bagram said he had offered his services to St. John Ambulance. He was allocated to the Essential Services.

E. L. Lysaught said he was a mercantile marine officer and had been laid off through the Yangtze trouble. He was looking for a ship. He was exempted three months.

F. L. Ball, of Gibb Livingstone & Co., was given a key post.

S. M. Bander, formerly on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway was allocated to Essential Services.

K. Begdon, of the Hongkong Travel Association, said he was partly attached to the Ministry of Information. His case was adjourned.

German Becomes A Chinese

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22 (UP).—A German Jewish refugee, Dr. William Rosenberg, whose family has lived in Westphalia for four centuries, has announced that he has been granted Chinese citizenship. He is the first Shanghai refugee to become a Chinese citizen.

Dr. Rosenberg, one of the earliest refugees, came to Shanghai six years ago. The local German authorities confiscated his German passport and refused to renew it.

A considerable number of refugees have applied for Chinese citizenship but so far only a few have been accepted. Dr. Rosenberg's notification from Chungking stated that an exception has been made in his case as a sign of gratitude for his services in helping to treat the Chinese soldiers during the Shanghai fighting and for his love of Chinese culture.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

LEAGUE FINALLY MAKES A START

Surprisingly Poor Fielding In Craigengower-Kowloon Match

Fine Centuries By T. A. Pearce And Richardson

ON SATURDAY LAST the much discussed League started in the Senior Division. As I understand the matter the University have gallantly raised a second eleven, and their first have taken over the Navy fixtures. They must not be discouraged if they do not meet with much success—especially in the second eleven.

The putting into the field of two teams will undoubtedly have a very stimulating effect on cricket at the University, and if they do not reap any immediate reward, there will be better times coming in the next few years.

For the time being at all events, the Army first eleven is carrying on in the Senior Division, and I understand they have arranged the first and second elevens as is most convenient. (I should like to see an all day game between the two sides!) They were at home to Reccreio in a game which had many vicissitudes. A bad start—five wickets were down for under forty—was checked by Godby and Denyer. The former did not perhaps get his fair share of the bowling, but I have seldom seen him kept so quiet.

The ground fielding was excellent. Denyer hit as usual. How he manages to run about five feet down the pitch, and then get back and push the ball in the direction of the man who is not known. It is this quickness of foot plus an excellent eye that rescue him from the dangers usually incumbent on a cheerful cross bat.

LAST WICKET STAND

JUST AS GOODY seemed to be set to hit a very wide long hop very hard to cover where Gerry Gosano made an excellent catch. Other wickets soon fell, and things looked bad when Denyer was stumped after making forty-one. Nine wickets were down for 88 but Major Petri and Hatfield hung on to the slack and laid about them, taking the score to 135 before the latter snickered one from G. N. Gosano (who had relieved E. L.) to second slip.

A SHAKY START

KNOWING the Reccreio batting I was by no means sure that they would win when Luigi Gosano and Soares were gone for under ten. But then Zinho and Eddie Gosano settled down to a good stand. One or two difficult chances were put down, but the bowling was not quite good enough and the Reccreio won by 3 wickets after a well fought game.

SCORERS AND UMPIRES

A COMMENT was made that day that it is unfortunate that Clubs cannot produce, besides an eleven, an umpire and a scorer. It should be possible to produce a scorer-umpire, but umpires are more difficult to find in Clubs who have not to find two elevens, may often have used up most of the enthusiasts—for it takes an enthusiast to devote all—or most of his Saturday afternoon to a non-active position.

There ought to be more, I know, and I fear one must confess that there is not such a widespread enthusiasm for the game as there used to be. Nor, curiously enough, do many of the past enthusiasts stay by the game in this way. Bobby umpires regularly for K.C.C., Wellington, who has dropped out owing to an injury and plays once a year, scores regularly for the Club. Paul Baskett umpires frequently for the Club, and I hang on to the game by writing about it. The Army and Navy are usually full of several chapmen too good to fill other clubs, more's the pity.

K.C.C. Wriggle Home

I WAS UNABLE to get over to the K.C.C., but I gather the fielding was pretty bad—which is rather sad as both sides—and particularly Craigengower—used to be particularly good in the field. Lee and Lloyd rather pinned the Craigengower batsmen down to a slow scoring pace. There was no collapse, but Ernie Zimmerman declared at 181 for 9 which was by no means a safe

proposition against the strength of the K.C.C. batting. F. R. Zimmermann (44) and E. Zimmermann (37) were top scorers. A. T. Lee took 10 not out.

POWERFUL BATTING

THE K.C.C. BATSMEN had an hour and a half to get the runs and in view of the pace at which the ball travels in the air field these dry days they should have done it. They did! But there seems something very wrong with C.C.C.'s bowling. Their stock trundler F. R. Zimmermann had an off day, and was hit for 70 in 9 overs. Billmorris is completely off this season, and Winch alone 0-0-46-2 did anything though he bowled several wickets in his second spell—possibly due to stiffness as it was a cold afternoon. I am not aware why Tinker Lee did not have a go with the ball. Some years ago he could be very awkward on his day. Anderson (75 not out) is back in form and saved the situation. Ernie Fincher (28) and N.A.E. Mackay (28 not out) also played useful knocks.

I.R.C. v. Varsity

AS I FEARED, the University was no match for the I.R.C. at Sookunpoo. The pitch had been over-watered, I think, and the ball flew about a bit. Minu and A. H. Madar were far too good for the Varsity batsmen, and only Matthews (16) and G. Hong Choy (21) got double figures. Madar who made the ball kick very badly at the end of the innings took his last 5 wickets without conceding a run to return the figures 9-4-24-6.

NAZARIN GETS GOING

NAZARIN got going for (I think) the first time this season, and made 44, while Kitchell collected 25. R. Singh took three wickets, but he was terribly expensive. It is a thousand pities he cannot get rid of the curious habit in his action when he seems to pull up dead on the bowling crease before delivering the ball. Gegg's figures of 8-3-20-1 were sound against a good batting side.

Two Centuries

IN ALL MY TIME here I cannot call to mind two centuries having been made in one Saturday afternoon in Senior Division cricket. True, it was not League cricket, but the Club had not practically their best side. The Civil Service unfortunately lacked two of their best bowlers—McLellan and Whitley, and Alec Pearce and Owen-Hughes hammered their weak attack unmercifully. The former retired on completing his century, and declared at 282 for 4 wickets.

The Civil Service had about 2 hours to bat and started off by sending up 50 in 24 minutes, but with Porteus on the rapid fall of the wickets of Hollidge and Colledge set them back, and another factor was the sudden discovery of a real bowler by the Club.

Atkinsonhead did not go on until third change, but, bowling to Richardson after he had made fifty, he completely stuck him up. Bowling fast with an excellent length and direction, he sent down 7 overs for 21 runs, and though he got 10 wickets he was easily the most dangerous bowler, and any attempt to take liberties with him would have resulted in the fall of a wicket. If he plays regularly he will take a lot of wickets though I hear a horrid rumour he is a rugger player.

RICHARDSON'S CENTURY

RICHARDSON slowed up a lot after his fifty, but got his last 25 runs quickly, hitting a four to long leg off the last ball of the match to complete a very good century. A very fair draw though, of course, the Club would win in a played out match.

Junior Division

THE RECREIO 2ND eleven had very little trouble in polishing off the University Second as they ran up 172 for 4 wickets declared, Xavier being 58, not out, and H.A. Barros 51. Both



ROBINSON, brilliant Navy cricketer, effecting a high save in the Kowloon Cup football match against the South China A.A. played at Sookunpoo yesterday. Hazzard, Navy centre-half, watching anxiously. South China won by 5-1—Mee Cheung.

Interport Football

TWO NEW SELECTIONS FOR TRIP TO SHANGHAI

'Varsity Boat Race At Henley

LONDON, Jan. 22. (Reuters).—Cambridge has agreed to the Oxford suggestion to row this year's Boat Race at Henley on March 2 over a course of about a mile and a half.

A. J. M. Prata and M. A. Remedios got 20's.

The University must not be discouraged that they were all out for 38, as to my mind the Reccreio Second team is an extremely useful bowling side—probably as good as any in the Junior Division. So far as my recollection serves me, not even in the palm days of University cricket did they put out two elevens in one day. I speak subject to correction, but I think this speaks volumes for the keen cricket spirit which exists at the University at the present time. Long may it continue.

A Surprise

I must not trespass on somebody else's ground, but I cannot help recording my great surprise at the defeat of K.C.C. second by the Craigengower 2nd eleven. I thought their batting was strong enough to draw any match, if not to win it.

Club Win

THE CIVIL SERVICE were by no means disgraced at Happy Valley although they lost to the Hongkong Club 2nd eleven. The Club had quite a good side out, and would have beaten a good many teams I think, especially now that Mitchell seems to have found his form.

They declared at 148 for 8, and at one time Civil Service were not doing at all badly when K. T. Attwell (40), and F. Harper (34) came together. Unfortunately, Wright alone got into double figures besides these. The last six men only made 10 runs between them.

However, it wasn't too bad to see the old Civil Service put up a three figures score against what is by no means a bad Junior Division bowling side.

An Unnecessary Draw

I DID NOT SEE the game, but I cannot help thinking that the Army 2nd eleven held on far too long against the Police. I do not necessarily mean any actual time, because I have no information on that point, but the score of 193, is I think, rather over the odds for a team with the batting capacity of the Police, who with defence I do not put down at worth much more than 100. After Whatman and Fergus had knocked up a couple of 50's, the declaration was made at 9 wickets down. When stumps were drawn the Police had 118 for 5, both their last two men hanging on by their eyebrows with nought not out apiece. Clark (38), Loughlin (23) and Williams (21) were the main stalwarts of the Police. Fergus took 3 for 17 in three overs, and I should have said might well have been used more.

Sheehan And Bright Unable To Travel

IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY that Pte. Bright and Cpl. Sheehan both of the Middlesex Regiment, have declined the invitation to play soccer for the Colony against Shanghai, during the Chinese New Year holidays.

The Hongkong Football Association have now issued invitations to Bdr. Guy, of 30th Battery, an Army half-back, and to Spr. Fox, of the Royal Engineers, a centre-forward, who recently played for the Army against the Navy in the Kowloon Cup series, when he scored all five goals against the sailors.

F. Fowler, S. Strange and A. Bone, all of Hongkong Football Club, have yet to reply to invitations to travel to Shanghai.

SUNDAY'S TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent the Chinese against the Civilians in the Lai Wah Cup on the Navy ground on Sunday, at 3.30 p.m.

Cheong Wing-choi; Li Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai; Soong Jang-ling, Au King-sun and Leung Wing-chiu; Chung Yung-sun, Fung Keng-cheung, Chan Tak-ai, Lee Wai-tung (Capt.) and Hui Sing-to. Reserves: Lau Hing-hon, Hui Yung-sang, Fung Chung-wan, Lau Chi-shan, Chung K. Choi, Chan Man-chi, Cheuk Shek-kam and Li Shek-yau.

Players are requested to be on the ground at 3 p.m. and to notify Mr. Walter Hamilton (Tel. 2620) if they are unable to play.

INTERPORT PRACTICE

The following will represent Best of the Colony against the Hongkong Interport team to meet Saigon, to-morrow at Caroline Hill at 4.30 p.m.—Moxham (R.F.C.), Lussan (R.F.C.), and Hui (R.A.S.C.). Guy (30th B.A.), Farrow (Club) and Hornblum (St. Joseph's) (Capt.) and Sum (Eastern). D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Fox (R.F.C.), E. Strang (Club) and Tai (Club). Reserves: A. Bone (Club), J. Maxwell (Kowloon), Dumfries (R.A.S.C.), and J. Castling (St. Joseph's). Players are requested to report to Mr. C. A. Goldenberg in the dressing room at 4.15 p.m.

Abandoned Matches Must Be Replayed

LONDON, Jan. 22. The Football League Management Committee to-day decided that postponed or abandoned regional soccer matches must be replayed in full—Reuters.

Naval Rugby XV

The following will represent Navy 'A' against Club 'A' at Rugby on the Club ground to-morrow, commencing at 4.45 p.m.: Mid. Roe, Tel. Bowden, Mid. Teare, Mid. O'Riordan and Sub. Lt. Skene-Reid; Lt. Carter and St. Gallagher; L. S. A. Palmer, Lt. (E) Brown; Ldg. Wtr. Barlow; A. B. Jeffry, Cpl. Marston; Mid. Murray-Jones; Pay. Lt. Charles and Pay. Sub-Lt. Sumner; Reserves: Mnt. Jeffries; S. B. A. Addis, Mid. Chapman; Ldg. Sig. Ingle and C. Wtr. King.

Rifle Shooting

Troublesome Wind Affects The Scores

FIFTY-NINE MEMBERS attended the Hongkong Rifle Association's Spoon and Practice shoot on the Stonecutters Range on Saturday afternoon, when conditions were against good shooting.

A gusty wind greeted marksmen at 200 yards and kept veering from the right to down the range, giving much trouble.

The high spot of the afternoon was the 94 made by Q.M.S. J. Ball, of the Ordnance Corps, who used open sights. This is considered all the more creditable in view of the existing conditions.

Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly, of Royal Engineers, won the aperture sights race with a good score of 97, missing the possible 100 yards by one point.

Aperture Sights

Rank	Name	Score	Rank	Name	Score
1	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	21	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
2	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	22	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
3	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	23	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
4	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	24	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
5	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	25	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
6	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	26	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
7	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	27	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
8	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	28	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
9	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	29	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
10	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	30	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80

Open Sights

Rank	Name	Score	Rank	Name	Score
1	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	21	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
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7	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	27	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
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9	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	29	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80
10	Lt. Cpl. S. G. Brightly	97	30	Sgt. R. J. Jones	80

Cycling

Best All-Round Contest Open To All

The Committee of the Hongkong Cycling Club have decided that the Best All-Round Contest which will shortly be held in the New Territories, shall be open to all cyclists. Any cyclist wishing to participate should be at the Alhambra Theatre at 8 a.m. on February 4.

The Club had an enjoyable outing on Sunday and several newcomers were present. The gathering left the Alhambra Theatre at 8.30 a.m. and after a few minor adjustments, arrived at Tai Po at 11.30 a.m. where a halt was made for lunch.

Following lunch, the whole circuit back to Kowloon, via Castle Peak, was completed by 5.30 p.m.

C.B.S. Forfeit Hockey Points To Reccreio

Reccreio Ladies have been awarded two points as a result of Central British School failing to field a team in their scheduled Caer Clark Cup fixture on Sunday.

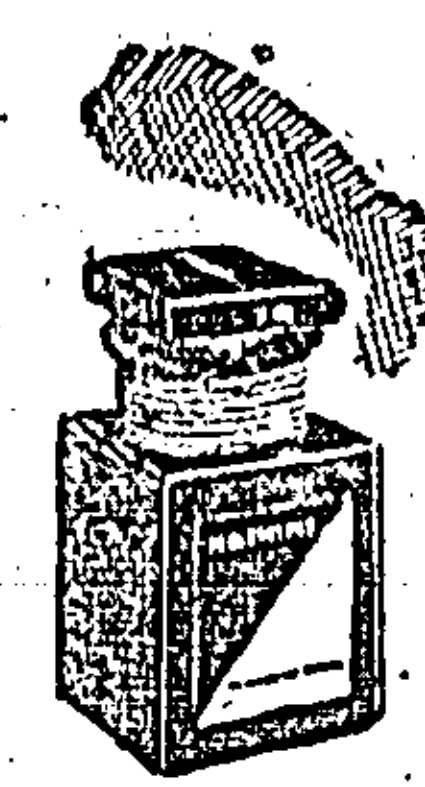
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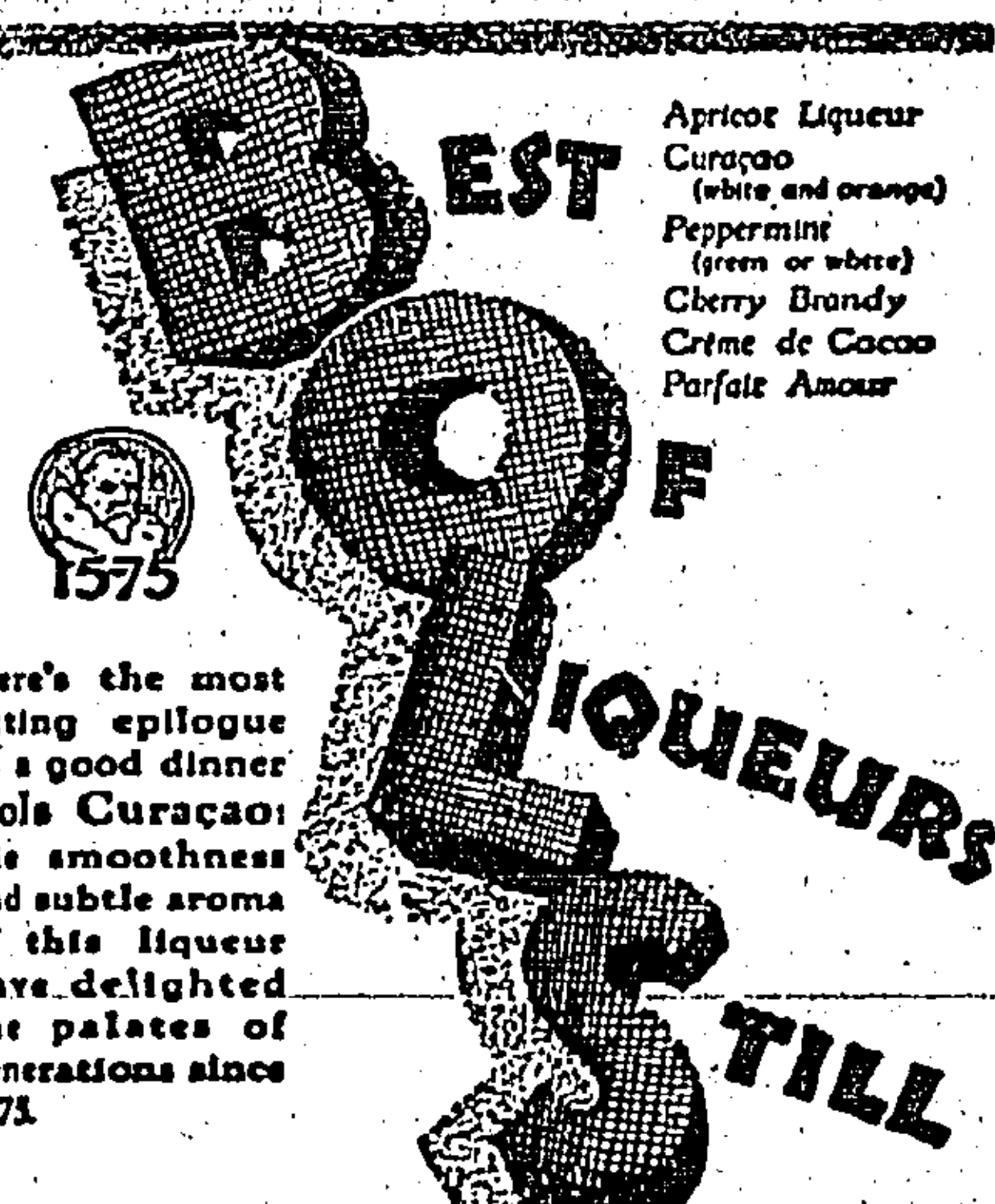
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A.R.P. FOR THE PUBS

LONDON, Nov. 16.
The Conservative Member for Evesham, Mr. de la Bere, is going to ask the Home Secretary if he will sanction the hanging of a blue light outside the bars of public-houses in the black-out.

He suggests a small low-powered lamp either outside or just inside the porch of every door used by the public "in view of the difficulty experienced in both entering and leaving licensed premises."

How The Neutral Countries Are Trying To Keep Out Of The War

Our Own Correspondent

LONDON, (By Air Mail).—I am to-day a little reminded of the story of the mouse which having found that a little port wine had been spilt on the stairs, lapped it up, and then duly and properly stimulated, rushed up the staircase of the house exclaiming "Where's that d—d cat. Let me get at her."

ROUMANIA

King Carol defined Rumania's foreign policy at Kishineff, capital of Bessarabia, formerly a Russian province, on January 17. "No enemy," he said, "will be able to set foot on Rumanian soil, so long as Rumania displays her existing spirit of unity."

"This thought should fortify our hearts. My army should, in its turn, be so fortified that no enemy will ever be able to trample what is sacredly and eternally Rumanian."

Before he spoke the leaders of the Russian, Ukrainian and German minorities had told him that their followers were loyal to the Government.

The German minority's spokesman declared that they were ready to give their lives for the country which had become their fatherland.

King Carol expressed his gratitude for the pledges of loyalty by the leaders of the minorities who had declared, thanks to the unity of all the peoples in Rumania, the country would never be vanquished. "I do not feel," he added, "that I have come to an adopted land, but to a province that has always been Rumanian." His speech was loudly cheered by 20,000 peasants who had gathered from all parts of Bessarabia. The province is chiefly inhabited by Rumanians.

HOLLAND

The Netherlands Government on January 7 issued a formal declaration that Holland would defend her integrity against any attack. It was undoubtedly intended as a final warning to Germany, where, according to reliable reports from Berlin, the idea of a strike against Holland is supported by General Keitel, Chief of the German General Staff, and other military leaders.

Any doubt in the mind of a potential aggressor must now be removed. "For some time," it was stated, "tendentious reports have been circulated in the foreign press, with the result that doubts have been aroused about Holland's determination to defend herself against any attack with all the means at her disposal. It must, therefore, be declared once more, to prevent misapprehensions, that Holland's integrity is not an object for barter, and that any assault on Dutch territory will meet with the most obstinate armed resistance from whatever side the attack may come." It was also announced that the Netherlands Government had no intention of submitting to German pressure to leave the League of Nations.

HUNGARY

The meeting between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers, according to a communique of January 7, resulted in a "perfect identity of views between the two Governments on all problems."

The problem dealt with Hungary's claims on Transylvania, formerly a Hungarian province and now under Rumanian rule.

Italy, which has assumed the role of Balkan Big Brother, wants no internal friction in that area in order to present a united front to Russia. The result is Rumania need anticipate no trouble on her Hungarian flank, or even from Bulgaria, so long as there is any danger of Russia attempting to push southwards.

So Rumania which in peace time looked suspiciously on all her neighbours, find that conflicts elsewhere in Europe have greatly simplified her immediate problems.

SWITZERLAND

Renewed German Press attacks on the neutrals have shown Switzerland that it would be fatal to regard the present lull as lasting. There are clear indications that Germany will launch in the near future diplomatic attacks on all neutral neighbours, not excluding Switzerland.

Any attempts of German pressure, however, will not find Switzerland unprepared. With about 200,000 men permanently under arms, General Guisan, Commander-in-Chief of the Swiss Army, has not wasted time since the outbreak of war. To-day the strong artificial defences against any invasion have been extended to second and third lines which reach far into the country's interior.

KAISER 'KEEPING IN BACKGROUND'

Junior Constitutional Club Welcomes Overseas Troops

The Junior Constitutional Club has offered honorary membership to officers of the Expeditionary Forces of Australia, Canada and India for the period of the war.

Wife writes to Welsh vicar

Aberdare.
Glowing with pride, the Rev. J. L. C. Thomas, eighty-year-old vicar of Aberperis, took from his littered desk to-night a bundle of letters bearing the crest of the ex-Kaiser.

Untying a piece of blue tape, he showed me one from the Princess Hermine, the ex-Kaiser's wife, which the village postman had brought to his lonely, mountain-side home after it had been delayed by the censor.

The letter, dated Doorn, October 17, 1939, said:—
"Dear Mr. Thomas, — Many thanks for your kind words of sympathy on the death of the field of battle of our beloved grandson, Prince Oscar of Prussia, which we both deeply appreciate."

"Your letter was opened by the censor."
"May there come an end to this horrible war, but more is coming over the world, I fear."

"With kind regards, yours sincerely,
"Hermine."
Mr. Thomas told of his long friendship with the ex-Kaiser. "I met him first forty-five years ago, when he went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land," he said. "He came to me at an Anglican church there."

Dreaded War
"I did not renew our acquaintance until he went into exile at Doorn. Then I wrote reminding him of our meeting, and I received an invitation to visit him."

"My visit started a close friendship, and I have been his guest on three subsequent occasions. The last time, a few months ago, I flew to Doorn and spent several days there."

"I have had dozens of letters from various members of his family, besides photographs and other mementoes."
"Just before war broke out I heard from the Princess Hermine. She said, 'The emperor is well, keeping in the background, as he did since November 1918—since twenty-one years in Holland.'"

"She dreaded war, and a paragraph in this letter said, 'May the worst be not happening. May there not out of this be born another world war.'"

BRITISH FORCE IN THE MAGINOT LINE Facts The Enemy Is Trying To Learn

By E. A. MONTAGUE
Reports which have appeared in various British and French papers, to the effect that men of the British force in the Maginot Line have been in action are greatly exaggerated. It is still the fact that the British troops and the Germans opposite them have confined themselves to patrols, which have not so far come to close quarters with each other, and to a certain amount of artillery fire.

The width of the no-man's-land between them, measured from posts to outposts, is something like half a mile or more, and the distance from the Maginot Line to the corresponding lines on the German side is much greater.

The British force is astride the Maginot Line, part of it holding the line itself and part the outposts, while a third part is in reserve behind the line. The Germans in the sector are active in patrolling, no doubt because they still do not know the exact size, composition, and location of the British force. If they could actually see even the heads of the troops opposed to them their task of identification would not be difficult, for the British steel helmet is of a pattern easily distinguishable from that of the French.

Champagne Tribute
There is no doubt that the arrival of British troops in the Maginot Line has had a happy effect on inter-Allied sentiment. I saw a perhaps trivial instance of it last night. At the restaurant where I dine the waiters served a glass of champagne to every guest. When we inquired, we were told that a French officer had ordered champagne for every British officer in the place. We had some difficulty in finding out who the public benefactor was. When we eventually located him he turned out to be not a young man in his cups but a sober, senior officer of the French Air Force wearing the ribbon of a high class of the Legion of Honour, who bowed with "grave courtesy" when we raised our glass to him.

The incident was pleasant and a little surprising after three months of war, during which the British and French have come to accept each other with friendliness, but without demonstration.

War Report
The French war communique issued yesterday morning reads: "Patrol activity on the whole of the central part of the front from the Moselle to the Rhine."

INKY PINKY PARLEZ VOUS

B. E. F. ADOPTS FRENCH SONGS

By Richard McMillan

(United Press) War Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE WITH THE B.E.F. — R.A.F. officers have adopted French songs to sing in mess or to hum to themselves as they zoom through the skies to meet the enemy.

Daily co-operation with the French army of the air has enabled the R.A.F. to pick up the tunes quickly as well as expertly, and when the remark is made "Let's have a song" when a group of pilots and observers are the company bursts into valuable French with gesticulations to match.

"Madelon" is popular, but the real favourite which the R.A.F. love, is a French artillery song, "Salima, me Jolie" which has a fine swing. It tells the story of how a singer will love "loute sa vie," and then in a cadence something like Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ye.

"Drink The Wine"
"My companions of the Round Table," sung in the original French, is another popular number.

It starts off with the invitation to drink the wine to see if it is good and proceeds to describe the best position for drinking, the feet against the wall and the head under the "rubble" of the wine barrel.

We Know This One
Then there is the song in English obviously written by an unknown of the Royal Air Force.

"A young aviator lay dying And as he lay he was saying To the angels who around him were slipping These last parting words did he say:

"Take the cylinder out of my kidney The connecting rod out of my brain From the small of my neck take the crankshaft And assemble the engine again Get me six whiffkeys and sodas And set them up in a row Get me six jolly good fellows And drink to the bustled P.O. The last lines tell the moral of the story. They run:

"In six feet of earth did he lie And remember if you don't want to follow him It's only bats and B.F.'s that fly. This song is becoming popular with the French pilots and when the two air forces get together one evening it is a common experience to find young British officers threatening to teach his Gallic comrade the words and tune of the ballad of the skies.

Tonks in French are eagerly learned and used in the R.A.F. mess. French cavalry officers have taught the officer one toast which will not leave repeating in salons at home when the lads get their first leave.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Neighbouring political moves may partly account for the fact that today the market has relapsed into a somewhat stale, interest in the market has been on a distinctly small scale.

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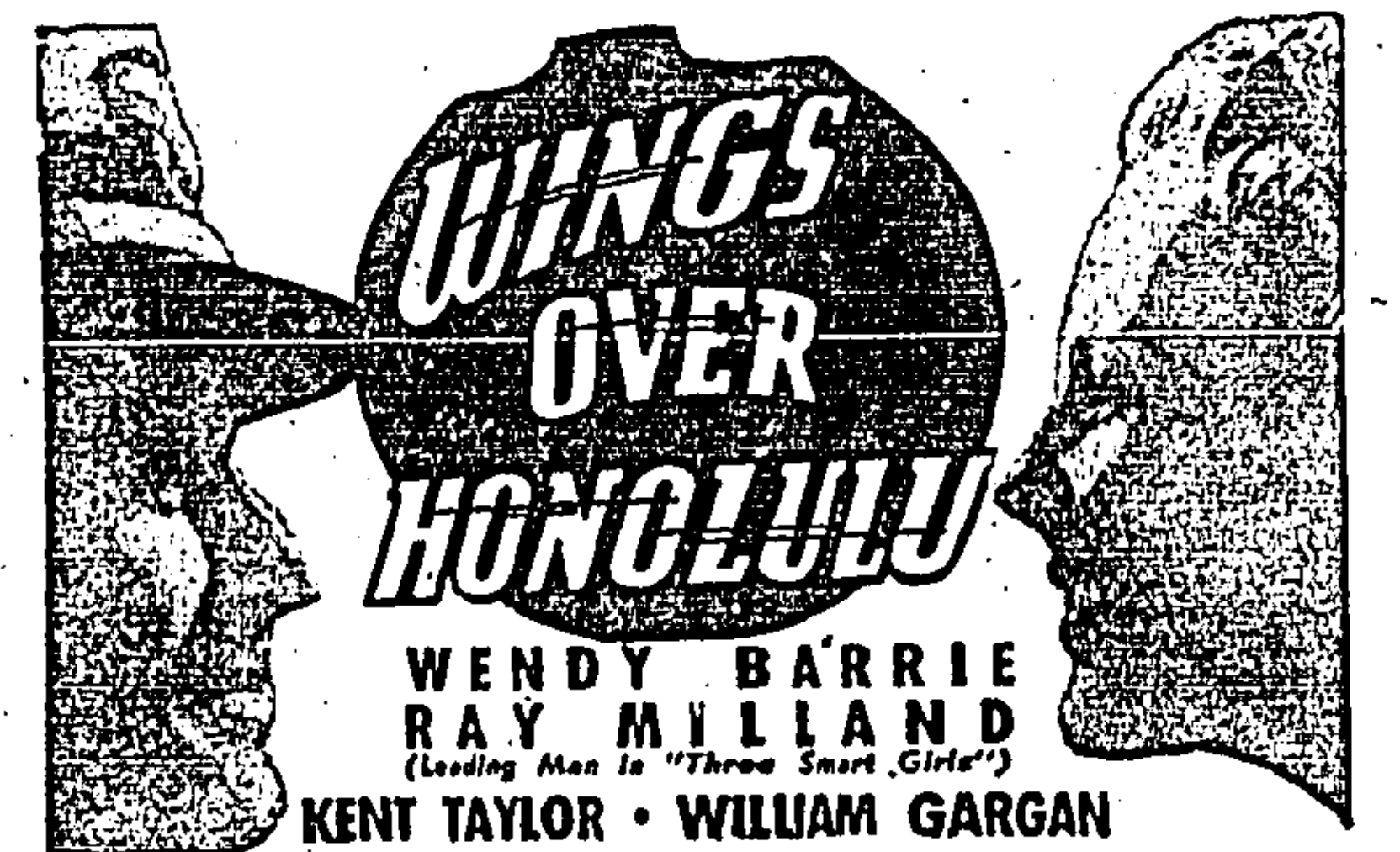
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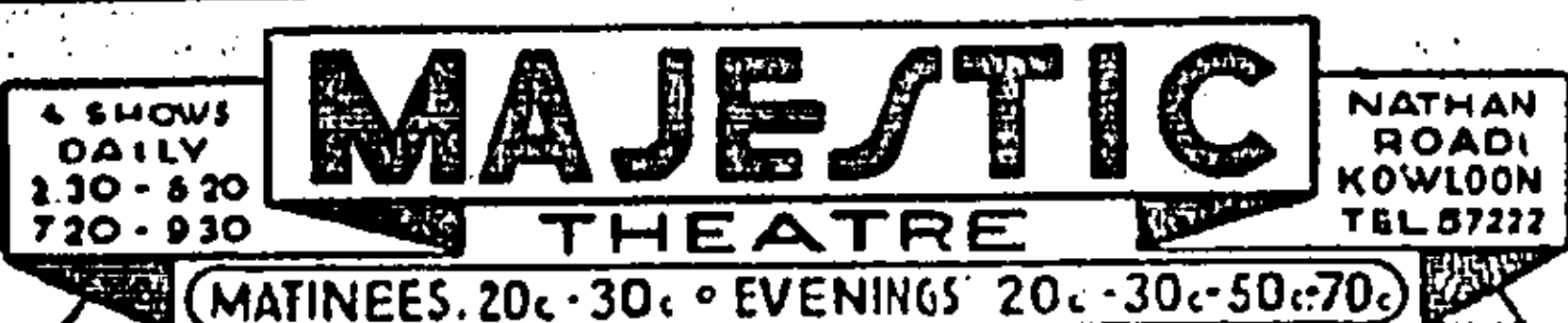


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Divorce Judge's New Ruling

Six Months Not Test of Morals

WITHIN six months of receiving her decree nisi, Mrs. Elsie Reeves, of Bonnersfield-lane, Harrow, Middlesex, committed misconduct.

She admitted it when the King's Proctor intervened in the Divorce Court.

But Mr. Justice Bucknill ordered that the decree should stand.

"The waiting period of six months between the granting of a decree nisi and the making of the absolute," he said, "is in no way intended as a test of the morality of a petitioner."

For Inquiry

"The object of the six months is to enable the King's Proctor to make inquiry as to the bona fides of the case."

Mrs. Reeves, he said, married in 1926 when she was aged about 21. In 1935 her husband left her to live with another woman.

There was no hope of a reconciliation. She came into court as an innocent person and had kept nothing back from the court.

On the other hand, she had committed misconduct with a man named Frederick Harden-Jones during the interval between the decree nisi and the decree absolute.

Tricked By Him

"I think," Mr. Justice Bucknill continued, "that in some ways Mrs. Reeves was tricked by Mr. Harden-Jones, who was a good deal older."

"He posed as a widower when, in fact, he was married and enjoyed her into living with him by promising marriage when she got her decree absolute."

She was living entirely on an allowance from her husband. She would not be blamed for looking to the future and the possibility of marrying again.

Mrs. Reeves was ordered to pay the cost of the King's Proctor's intervention.

HOW U.S. CHEATS CENSORS

HOW cleverly American broadcast experts in European capitals defeat the censorship is revealed in a U.S. radio journal.

In a story by an anonymous contributor, the claim is made that, thanks to the ingenuity of the broadcast staffs, America has, since the outbreak of the war, been the best-informed nation in the world.

Some of the most important events in the drama of the European conflict, it is asserted, have been "in print and on the streets" in New York, long before they were officially released to the newspapers in Europe.

"Some of our information, though a week old, has not yet been told over there," the writer asserts. His article appeared in the Radio News.

Elaborate codes are used by the men using the transmitters in European capitals, broadcasting to the radio headquarters and news agencies in America.

Behind simple phrases lie statements which reveal vital secrets.

Bobbies And Helmets

Thus, the sentence, sent across the air from London: "The Bobbies here are wearing their blue helmets" might mean: "Courageous torpedoed; heavy loss of life."

A message from Berlin stating: "People are taking the war very calmly" might mean, when decoded: "Riots have been rumoured in various sections of the city."

It is alleged that the American broadcasting companies, as far back as the time of the Munich Conference, devised elaborate codes, which are now being operated with the greatest of ease.

Though the military censorships in London, Paris, Berlin and elsewhere are very strict, many secrets get through, it is claimed.

Dutch Censorship

Amsterdam, Jan. 22. The Government has instituted a new censorship. Press services have sent letters to foreign correspondents telling them that the following items must not be used in their reports:

Information of plans, suppositions and rumours about defence in Holland.

Information which might involve danger for Holland's neutrality or arouse doubt about it.

Information which might arouse a hostile feeling towards Holland abroad.

Information offensive to a Power friendly to Holland.

Information about measures or plans of the Government or of another Power towards Holland, unless officially confirmed by the Dutch Government.—*Reuter.*

HE IS MOST WORRIED MAN

WILLI FRISCHAUER

THE most harassed man in Germany, after Hitler, is Dr. Dornmueller, Nazi Minister of Transport.

News about the recent rail disaster near Berlin must have reached him just after he returned from one of the many conferences devoted to Germany's insoluble transport problem.

Dornmueller was called to the Ruhr district by Dr. Schaefer, the local railway chief, who was unable to cope with the catastrophic position there.

Schaefer cannot supply the Ruhr industry with the rolling stock it requires.

The condition of the existing track and stock is rapidly deteriorating. Schaefer drew the attention of the Minister to the shocking increase in accidents among his staff.

Germany is forced to beg rolling stock from neutral countries. Hitler wants Rumania, for instance, to send her exports in her own waggons.

Other neighbours of Germany, including Switzerland, possibly, to retrieve their rolling stock within the agreed period.

Jugoslavia's railway administration discovered recently that Jugoslav

waggons were being used by Germany to transport men and material to the Western Front.

Meantime Nazi leaders are halting the opening of new waterways inside Germany.

Heinrich declared the new Hitler canal open the other day.

Plans for half-a-dozen other canals are being discussed in the German Press.

But the Danube, on which the Nazis fixed their hopes for imports from South Eastern Europe, is slowly freezing.

So are the unhappy Germans brought "home" from the Baltic States, to 300 of whom Goebbels gave a Christmas party.

Most of them were unable to take enough clothing with them when they were rushed from their old homes.

Collections of clothes for these "homecoming" Balts are being arranged. In the streets of Berlin men were seen to take off their overcoats and women their furs to contribute.

But they did so in such an ostentatious manner that it was universally regarded as a demonstration against Hitler, who has reduced the unhappy Balts to their present distress.

Danish Exposure Of Frightfulness

U-Boat Stops Rescue Of Neutrals

COPENHAGEN.

While the German Press again boasted loudly in front page headlines of the startling successes of the Nazi air force in sinking a number of defenceless fishing boats, conveniently termed "constant" patrol vessels and other warships, further evidence piled up in Scandinavia of the ruthless German methods of warfare against the neutrals and the unarmed.

The official Danish inquiry into the sinking of the Danish steamer Sofia in the North Sea with the loss of 19 lives revealed this morning that the U-boat which torpedoed the vessel prevented another Danish vessel, the Hafnia, from going to the assistance of the drowning men until all but two were dead. The captain and the mate, the only survivors, were picked up by a Norwegian vessel.

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London, Jan. 22.

The British blockade has prevented any petrol getting through direct from the United States to Germany. Russia, however, has probably obtained over 1,300,000 barrels since the war started, according to the Washington correspondent of the Daily Telegraph.

One of the questions now being asked is whether any American gasoline going to Russia is finding its way to Germany. Nearly all of the oil is shipped from California, and once it has reached Russian shores, nothing is known of its ultimate destination.

Soviet imports of American petrol in September amounted to 48,000 barrels, which rose to 318,500 in October, and totalled 317,000 in November.

Officials here point out that very little of this is of the highest grade, suitable for the use of aeroplanes, and it is believed that the so-called "moral embargo" invoked against the export of refining machinery will prevent this increased export from being used in the campaign against Finland.—*Reuter.*

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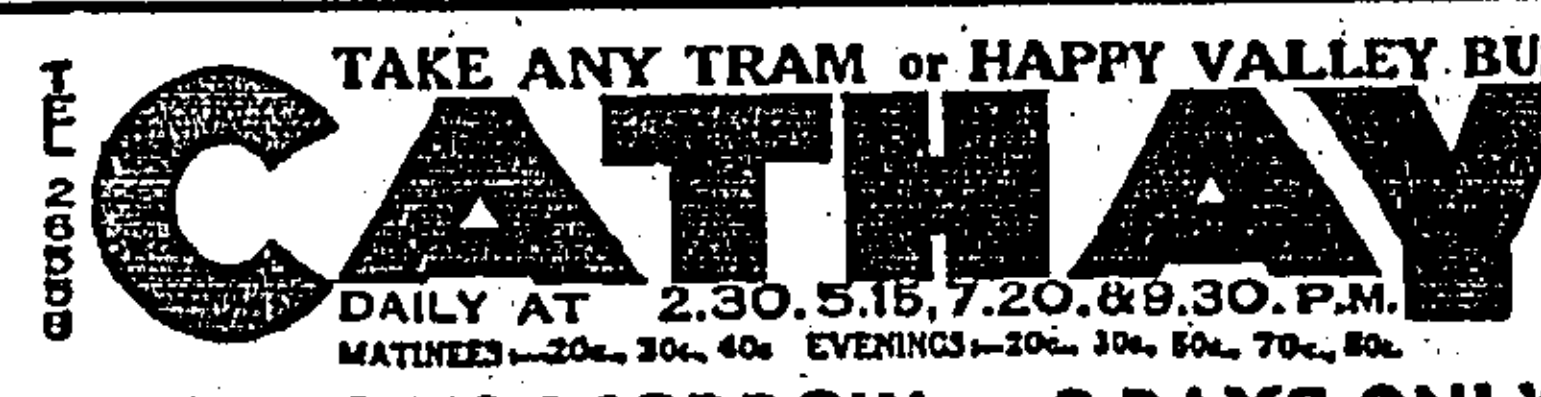
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LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Exceptional precautions were taken when the I.R.A. appeals against the death sentences for the Coventry bomb outrage were heard at the Old Bailey to-day.

There have rarely been such measures in the history of the Law Courts. A strong police cordon was thrown round the building, all the entrances were watched, and the courtyards were patrolled.

Two hundred police were on duty in every part of the building and a special guard was provided for the prisoners. Five warders armed with revolvers were with them in the dock.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

U.S. Tobacco A Burning Question

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22

(Reuter).—Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, visited Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, to-day to discuss particularly the situation created by the suspension of United States tobacco imports into Britain.

Mr. Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, together with other Government officials and private individuals, are urging the State Department, to protect against Britain's policy of not authorising an allotment of exchange for purchase of United States tobacco.

It is understood that Mr. Cordell Hull has refused or will refuse the British Government to continue to all at least part of its tobacco requirements, on the United States market.

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DOCUMENT AUTHENTIC, SAYS WANG SPOKESMAN

Appeal To Neutrals Not Official But—

CHURCHILL RAISES A HORNET'S NEST

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—It is pointed out in London to-day that Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast on January 20 was one of a series in which Ministers from time to time will make personal comments on the war situation.

The broadcast was in the nature of a fire-side talk, phrased in broadcasting language and was not a considered statement of Government policy such as would have been made in the House of Commons.

THE HAGUE PROTESTS

Nazi Affronts To Neutrality

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Government has again protested to Berlin at another affront to Holland's neutrality.

On Saturday morning a German plane was seen over Utrecht and Southern Holland as well as over The Hague.

Dutch military machines went up in pursuit.

An unidentified plane flew over Holland from east to west this afternoon, and was again seen over The Hague.

Dutch fighter planes went up after it.

WINTER HOLDS UP THE WAR

PARIS, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The commanders of all Allied armies in the field made the same report this morning, namely, "Snow and cold. Nothing to report."

There has been very little aerial activity.

A single German reconnaissance plane flew over eastern France and penetrated as far as what is authoritatively described as the "edge of the Paris water-shed."

To-day's communiqué states that there was no incident during the day.

KING AND QUEEN AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace to-day after spending the week-end at Windsor.

OCEAN FIRE TRAGEDY: MANY STILL MISSING

MARSEILLES, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—With 599 survivors of the ill-fated Italian liner, Orizio, accounted for, over 100 are still missing, including 64 members of the crew.

Italian authorities have ordered 12 military planes to search for the missing people.

It is still hoped that they may have been picked up by the French ships known to have been near the scene of the disaster.

A total of 48 were landed at Marseilles from a French auxiliary cruiser. It is stated that more are expected during the day.

The first arrivals tell of a sudden explosion which caused the fire. The fire got out of control owing to the strong wind.

Most of the survivors were taken off Italian ships, including the Conte Biancamano which was on her way to Genoa from Hongkong and Colombo.

Only two of the Orizio's life-boats were launched. It is believed that

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, JAN. 23 (UP).—THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE SENSATIONAL SECRET AGREEMENT BETWEEN WANG CHING-WEI AND JAPAN WAS ADMITTED LAST NIGHT BY CHEN CHUN-PO, WANG'S CHIEF SECRETARY.

Chen claimed, however, that the photostatic reproduction published in Hongkong only represented the Japanese demands, and did not include Wang Ching-wei's counter demands.

Japan, he claimed, has actually agreed upon terms much more favourable to China.

"The real terms are not detrimental to China's sovereignty or independence," he said.

"The time is not yet ripe for publication."

Chen did not comment on the allegation by Kao Tsung-wu and Tao Hsi-sheng, Wang's ex-followers who made public the sensational document, that Wang had signed the disclosed terms on December 30.

CHUNGKING COMMENT

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is studying Wang Ching-wei's agreement with Japan.

He will make a statement in the near future.

RED RAIDS CONTINUE

Big Guns Pound The Mannerheim Line

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Soviet planes to-day raided Uleaborg in the Gulf of Bothnia, three hospitals being hit.

During the long winter nights Soviet airmen are dropping their deadly missiles with the aid of parachute flares.

On land, the fighting in the Talpali River sector continues.

A heavy Soviet artillery barrage was laid this morning with the object apparently of breaking the left flank of the Mannerheim Line.

Two Soviet attacks during the past few days have already been repulsed with, according to a Finnish communiqué, heavy losses.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Finnish positions have been strengthened by the capture of several enemy outposts.

New Foreign Legion

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—A new foreign legion is shortly to be sent to the Finnish front. It is made up of German, French, Italian, Estonian and Lithuanian volunteers, and also a few Britons who are believed to be residents in Finland.

Heavy Red Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 22 (UP).—An official communiqué states that nearly 1,000 Russians were killed in five separate attacks on Sunday at various points between the Karelian Isthmus and mid-Finland. Twelve tanks were destroyed.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 22 (UP).—To-day's official communiqué claims that 450 Russians were killed and five Russian tanks were destroyed in a Finnish attack at Kilanajoki. A further 120 Russians were killed, five tanks destroyed and two armoured cars captured in an engagement at Kilila.

Describing a third engagement, the communiqué claims that several hundred Russians were killed when the Finns repulsed an attack on the Talpali River front, in the Karelian Isthmus.

In addition to the dead counted on No Man's Land, the battle area was strewn with dead which were not counted, the communiqué claimed.

During the Talpali clash the Russians attempted to scare the

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U-boats pay the penalty

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This diamond is believed to have been stolen from a Hindu temple and to carry the curse of misfortune or violent death.

Among its previous owners are Marie Antoinette, who died on the guillotine; her friend the Princess Lamballe, who, borrowed it and was torn to pieces by the Paris mob; Prince Kanlovski, a Russian, who shot the actress to whom he had lent it; the diamond, and was stabbed by

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27 RAWALPINDI MEN INTERNED IN GERMANY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 22 (UP).—The Admiralty officially announces that eight are known dead and 73 are missing, presumed dead, as a result of the loss of H.M.S. Grenville.

No officers were among the casualties.

Simultaneously, the Admiralty has issued the names of two Officers and 25 ratings who were aboard H.M.S. Rawalpindi in the former P. & O. liner's gallant action with the pocket battleship Deutschland, and who are now prisoners in Germany.

The twenty-seven men were picked up by the Deutschland after the Rawalpindi sank with her colours flying.

The two Officers are Temporary Lieut. Commander B. J. Dyer and Midshipman D. Dugdale.

Anti-British Agitation By Japanese

Fantastic Reprisals Urged By Political Movements

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Domei).—A remarkable anti-British wave has been stirred up in Japan as a result of the Asama Maru incident.

Fantastic measures are being urged upon the Government by various political bodies.

A meeting of the "National League for Construction of East Asia," attended by Admiral Suetsugu, Major General Hashimoto and other well-known leaders, had decided to launch a new anti-British movement throughout Japan.

JAPANESE PROTEST LODGED

"Unfriendly Action" By Britain

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Government has formally protested to the British Ambassador with regard to the stopping of the Asama Maru.

The Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the Ambassador that his Government cannot but regard the British action as serious and unfriendly against Japan.

The Government reserves the right to demand delivery to them of the detained Germans.

Was 35 Miles Off Coast

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—According to the latest reports, the Asama Maru was 35 miles off Japan when she was stopped by a British warship on Saturday.

The 21 Germans were all of military age and members of oil tanker crews on the way back to Germany, and semi-official quarters here point out that if they were allowed to re-leave Japan.

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LATEST

Wang Ching-wei's Explanation

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22 (UP).—Coincident with the opening of the Tientsin conference, Wang Ching-wei's "Central China Daily News," commenting on the "Ta Kung Pao's" revelations, said, "It is admitted that our peace terms mean losses to China."

"However, continued resistance means subjugation."

"It is better to prefer humiliation rather than submission which does not give an opportunity for the reconstruction of the country."

ARSENAL OF GOLD DOLLARS

SINGAPORE, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Malaya was described in a broadcast as an arsenal manufacturing one of the most powerful weapons—foreign exchange.

This description was applied by a professor of Raffles College, Singapore, who pointed out that the United States buys tin and rubber from Malaya but that Malaya's purchases in the United States are small.

Malaya's credit in the United States is about \$6,000,000 a month, making it the most important source of American dollars in the Empire.

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T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.96 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,350 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£. 86 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£. 88 n.
Chartered	8 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	28 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	207 n.
Union	470 n.
China Underwriter	17 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire	180 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases	75 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.S.	100 n.
Indo-China D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers s/-)	78 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	102 b.
Docks	21 1/2 n.
Providents	405 n.
New Eng. Sh.	10 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks	240 n.

MINING

Kallian s/-	10/- n.
Rauhs s/-	10/- n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3 cts b.

LANDS

Hotels	5.65 n.
Lands	33 1/4 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	15 n.
Humphreys	8 1/4 n.
H.K. Estates	4.60 n.
Chinese Estates	101 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	17.70 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	60 1/4 n.
Y. Ferries	7.20 n.
China Lights (old)	24 1/2 b.
China Lights (new)	4 1/4 b.
H.K. Electric	55.40 b.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 b.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/4 b.
Telephones (old)	2 1/4 n.
Telephones (new)	1.80 n.
Tractions	19 1/2 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	19 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold Macg. (Ord.), Sh.	14.90 n.
Cold Macg. (Pref.), Sh.	13 n.
Canton Ice	18 n.
Cement	18 n.
H.K. Rope	6.00 n.

STORES &c.

Dairy Farms (old)	22.00 n.
Dairy Farms (new)	21 1/2 n.
Watsons	9.20 n.
Lane, Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincerra	41 n.
Wing On	1 n.
Fowell, Ltd.	1 n.

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A list of prohibited articles may be seen at the General Post Office.

Parcel Post to all countries suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are sent 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Java and Manila Jan. 23. Shanghai Jan. 23. Straits Jan. 23. Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 17th January.

Amoy Jan. 24. Canton Jan. 24. Saigon Jan. 24. Shanghai Jan. 24. U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd, Jan. 24, 1939).

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th January Jan. 25. Calcutta, Straits and Saigon Jan. 25. Hainan, Hainan and Port Boyard Jan. 25.

Straits Jan. 25. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, date, 17th January.

Manila Jan. 20. Japan Jan. 20. Shanghai and Amoy Jan. 26. Hainan Jan. 27. Japan Jan. 27. Japan and Shanghai Jan. 27. Japan and Shanghai Jan. 27. Shanghai Jan. 27.

OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Jan. 23. Fort Bayard 1.30 p.m. Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 16th February.

G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. Jan. 23, 5.45 p.m. Ord. Jan. 23, 4.30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 31st January.

K.P.O. Reg. Jan. 23, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O. Reg. Jan. 23, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 23, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 29th Jan. K.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m. Ord. Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O. Reg. Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m. Ord. Jan. 23, 7.00 p.m.

Amoy Wednesday, Jan. 24. Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 10.30 a.m.

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Shanghai (Parcel only) 2.30 p.m.

Hainan 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 1st February.

K.P.O. Reg. Jan. 25, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 25, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O. Reg. Jan. 25, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 26, 7.30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 26. Straits 9.30 a.m.

Parents only for Tientsin 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 5th February.

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BEHIND THE HEADLINE

New Blow To German Hopes In The Balkans

A new blow to Germany's economic hopes in the Balkan countries is being planned. We are able to reveal that Rumania, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey, inspired by Italy, are discussing in secret an economic pool on the lines of that between Britain and France.

A Balkan Committee is likely to be set up to arrange for a fair exchange of commodities on a barter system among the countries concerned. If one country has a surplus of a particular commodity which others lack, it will be shared out.

In effect, this will tend to make the Balkans self-sufficient and will seriously deplete the supplies Germany aims to get from South-Eastern Europe.

Balkans are dissatisfied with German goods taken "in exchange."

News of this proposal has reached Hitler, and accounts for his recent "big push" to get Balkan commodities, particularly from Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Proof that Litvinov, Soviet ex-Foreign Minister, who was sacrificed last May because he was anti-German, is well back in favour: he has had restored to him his official bullet-proof car, of which he was deprived when he lost office.

Litvinov is to be used by Stalin to strengthen resistance to Germany later on, when circumstances make it necessary.

From Catholic circles in touch with Germany we learn that Berlin's Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Orsenigo, has been called four times in a week to the Wilhelmstrasse to discuss a new Papal "peace appeal"—which is to be used as propaganda in the Reich.

It is aimed to make this appeal in such a way that it is bound to be turned down by the Allies, so that Hitler can once again "show" his people that the Allies are to blame for hostilities. The Papal Nuncio, we learn, is opposing the form in which he has been asked to submit the appeal.

Nazis Try War Tricks With Owls & Rattles

From GEORGE MILLAR

PARIS, Dec. 26. WHEN Hitler went yesterday to the front he met south of Saarbrücken some of the young S.S. men who believe they are fighting a superman patrol warfare on the Western Front. And German agencies claim that after Hitler had shaken hands with these men they went out to show him how they "rule the mud and the darkness" for the Nazis.

Germans To Fight For France

PARIS.—Six hundred German recruits for the French Foreign Legion left Paris for a training camp in the provinces.

As their train steamed out of the station they leaned from their compartments and shouted, "Down with Hitler!"

The men, all political and racial refugees, were interned in camps on the outbreak of war.

Later they volunteered to serve for the duration in special formations of the Legion.

Dressed in French khaki, the Germans, who will serve in Algeria, all wear a special badge representing a caelus.

"The French" one of the men said, "are only defending themselves, but we are out to have our revenge."

"We have suffered too much under Hitler's regime to wish that the rest of the world should learn what it is like."

KING'S GIFT TO THE FORCES

The King has given the equivalent of 25,000 cigarettes to the Forces by opening an Overseas League fund with a gift of £25.

In the last war the Overseas League collected more than £1,000,000 for various funds for the Forces.

It has again undertaken, with the approval of the authorities, to organize a tobacco fund.

It has 50,000 members, each of whom will have a collecting card.

Each £1 collected will make it possible to send a thousand cigarettes to men in the fighting Services.

Substantial contributions from the Overseas Empire as well as from this country are expected.

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The Dominions Office announces that the King has approved the extension for six months of Viscount Galway's term of office as Governor-General of New Zealand.

Erased From Map, Nation Still Functions

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA STILL WORLD POWER

By THOMAS A. DOZIER ("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

WASHINGTON.—Although the name of "Czecho-Slovakia" has been erased from the map of Europe, most of the nations of the Western Hemisphere continue to recognize the existence of the central European republic as a sovereign state.

A "United Press" survey showed that none of the American Republics with which Czecho-Slovakia had diplomatic relations prior to its dismemberment by Germany in 1939, have recognized the Nazi seizure.

The United States pointedly refused a German demand to turn over the Czecho-Slovakian legation here to the German Charge d'Affaires. The Czecho-Slovakian minister to the United States, Col. Vladimir Hruban, continues to represent his government in Washington.

Czecho-Slovakian legations and consulates are functioning in numerous countries in the Americas, including the United States, Canada and several Central and South American nations. Minister Hruban also represents his government in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the United States possessions of Puerto Rico, and the Philippines.

Many thousands of Czecho-Slovakians have settled in the New World, including nations of North and Central America. They are engaged in agriculture, industry, and professional pursuits and have become integral parts of the nation— which they make their homes. A recent survey by the National Geographic Society of the United States reported that there were more than 1,300,000 persons of Czecho-Slovakian birth or of parentage living in the United States alone.

Legation Functioning. The survey also showed that there were more Czecho-Slovakian flags flying in the United States during the celebration in October of the 21st birthday of the Republic than in any other country, including the now absorbed Czecho-Slovakian homeland. The flags were displayed at the legation in Washington, the Czecho-Slovakian pavilion at the New York world's fair and numerous consulates throughout the nation.

Other thousands of Czechs and Slovaks participated in the observance of the Czecho-Slovakian "Independence Day" in all parts of North and South America.

The Czecho-Slovakian legation here functions in the belief of its officials that a new Czecho-Slovakia will result from the present war in Europe.

"Czechs and Slovaks all over the world are keeping alive the firm conviction that the Czecho-Slovakian nation will be liberated and we will regain our national standing," a legation spokesman told the United Press.

Recently, the Czecho-Slovakian minister to France signed an agreement with the French government providing for the formation of a "Czecho-Slovakian national army in France, which will fight with the British and French forces against Germany." Czecho-Slovakian patriots are being enlisted in the army from various parts of the world.

Czecho-Slovakian diplomatic officials, however, emphasized that they are taking no steps toward the recruiting of a Czecho-Slovakian national army, which would be in violation of neutrality laws of neutral nations. This applies particularly in the Western Hemisphere, where the 21 American republics have declared their aloofness from the European conflict.

These officials, however, declared that they will continue to take all steps within their jurisdiction to keep alive the national spirit of Czecho-Slovakia, particularly in the minds of the people of the Western Hemisphere.

Empire Bound "To Collapse"

—U.S. ECONOMIST

BOSTON, Mass. (UP).—Economist Roger W. Babson recently said that "the British Empire—as now constituted—is bound to collapse."

He also told a Boston Chamber of Commerce audience that "there is no logical excuse for so many nations as now exist."

"There should be only four or five powerful nations and a dominating voice in world affairs," Babson said. "The balance must expect to become protectorates, if not integral parts of stronger nations. If nature takes its natural course, these dominating nations will be Russia, Germany, England, Japan or China, and possibly the United States."

Babson, who recently returned from a two-month tour of the Orient, offered these conclusions:

1. "I am not sure a second world war now exists in Europe. In China, Ethiopia and Spain, we had wars without a declaration of war. Why cannot we now have a declaration of war without war?"

2. "War or no war, I have felt since July 24 that good stocks, selected commodities and productive real estate are safe purchases I still feel so."

3. "I see no great future for the United States until the dollar is devalued further."

ROYALTY DRILLS SERVANTS



AIR DRILL—Sweden views with alarm Russian invasion into Finland. Here Prince Gustaf Adolf, without mask, eldest son of Swedish Crown Prince, holds air raid drill for servants, at his residence, Haga castle, near Stockholm.

OXFORD BOY EVACUATED TO—OXFORD

An Oxford boy had an unusual experience when he was evacuated. He went to school at Manchester and he arrived at school one morning to be evacuated.

He was entrained but none of the boys knew where they were going.

When the schoolboy put his head out of the window on arrival at the evacuation centre he was astonished to find he was in Oxford—his home town.

Eventually it was arranged for him to go to his own home.

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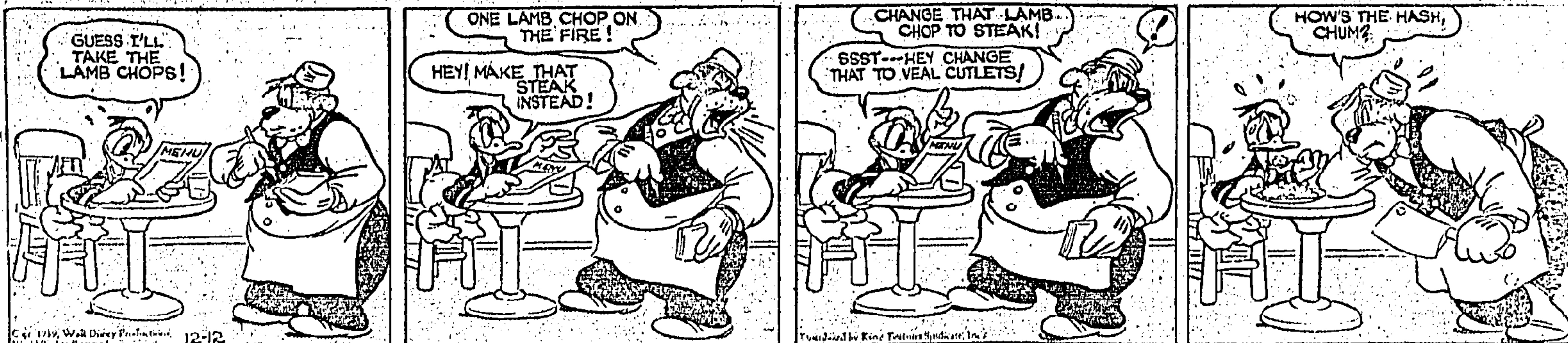
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MURDER IN AEROPLANE

NEW YORK.
KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED in mid-air by a mad pilot—this is believed to be the fate of an ace American aviator.
A young man arrived at Brookfield flying field and asked Carl Bivens, flying instructor, for a lesson.
"O.K. I'll give you twenty minutes," Bivens said. For thirty minutes the plane circled the district, then disappeared eastward.
Later reports reached Brookfield that a yellow plane had been seen stunting.
Police believe this was caused through a struggle between Bivens and his kidnapper.
To-night Brookfield Police Chief Cassidy said: "From the descriptions of Bivens's so-called pupil, we've little doubt that he's the same man who last summer tried to kidnap a girl in a plane."
Confirmation of this theory came from Farmer Gilbert Stratt, who lives in a lonely district 190 miles from Brookfield.
A plane landed in one of his fields.
There was one occupant, a young man who had a pistol and wore overalls bearing dark brown stains.
The man begged Farmer Stratt to sell him petrol, paying him a big sum for a supply.
Then, in gratitude, he took Stratt for a short flight.
Stratt noticed that the plane seats also bore dark red stains. Later Stratt heard a radio description of the kidnapper and realised that this was the man to whom he'd sold the petrol.
Police believe that Bivens was murdered in the plane and his body thrown out.

Holland Hides Her Old Masters

AMSTERDAM.
TOURISTS who visit Dutch art galleries these days no longer see any of the great Masters which have made Holland famous all over the world.

BIG RADIO SCHEME

CHICAGO, (UP).—Elliott Roosevelt, son of the President and head of the Texas radio network, announced formation of a new coast-to-coast chain of radio broadcasting stations.
Roosevelt said the new chain would operate in competition with the Columbia Broadcasting System, the National Broadcasting Company and the Mutual network.
He said the chain was incorporated as the Transcontinental Broadcasting Co., at Wilmington, Del., with seven stockholder-directors who were holding their first meeting in Chicago to elect officers.
"The Texas network is a part of the new chain but do not want to give the impression that I am the organizer of the chain. I am, as operator of radio stations, only a 1/100 part of it," he said.
Roosevelt said the chain would include a few stations of 50,000 watt power but the majority of them would be in the 5,000 watt group, the second largest classification issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

44 Names In Twelfth R.A.F. Casualty List

THERE are 44 names in the twelfth list of Royal Air Force casualties issued by the Air Ministry.
"Killed in action" means while fighting; "killed on active service" covers those who died from other causes, including crashes and other accidents in our own territory. The names are:

Killed in Action
MELVILLE, TOWNSEND, 39828, Pilot Officer, 1st Class II.
TAYLOR, 33707, Aircraftman, 1st Class II.
WALSLEY, 50422, Sergeant, 1st Class.
Previously reported "Missing," now reported killed in action.
HOWELL, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
LOTT, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
MOLLY, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
MURPHY, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
QUILLER, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
ROBEY, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
SPROSTON, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
ADCOCK, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
HARRIS, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
CROMPTON, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
FARMHURST, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
HAMMOND, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
WILSON, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
HOLMES, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
PEACE, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
WAGNER, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.
McINTYRE, 33470, Sergeant, 1st Class.

10 Days After Father
Flying-Officer Albert Antony Vickers, whose name appears among those killed, died only ten days after the death of his father, Mr. Vincent Cartwright, Victoria Deputy-Lieutenant of the City of London, and only two months after his engagement to Miss Irene Mary Mann-Thomson.
Sergeant McIntyre, now reported a prisoner of war, has not yet seen his daughter, Elizabeth, who was born four days after war started, but his 24-year-old wife has heard the good news that her husband is safe.

Disillusioned By Their Nazi Masters SEEDS OF REVOLT SOWN IN SLOVAKIA

SLOVAKIA, DRAINED OF ITS LIMITED RESOURCES, ITS PEOPLE DEMORALISED AND DISSIDENT, AWAITS A HARD WINTER.

Whereas their brother Czechs derive a certain moral strength from their united stand against Nazism, the mockery of victory and independence that has been given the Slovaks saps purpose, breeding a bitter defeatism. But the seeds of rebellion are growing, carefully tended by those Protestant realists who, in spite of informers and spies, have kept alive an illegal organisation since Germany's puppets were installed in power.

The King Lunches in Cafe

By PAUL BEWSHER
Madame Jeanne, who runs a little cafe on a winding country road in France, is a proud woman—proud and rather astonished.

For the King of England has sat down to lunch in her cheerful bar-room with the aspidistra in the corner.

And with the King of England was his brother, the Duke of Gloucester, and Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in France.

The King had his meal sitting on an ordinary kitchen chair. He would not take Christmas pudding, because, he said, it would make him sleep, refused wine, but drank a little whisky. He cut the luncheon short to have more time with the troops.

Mrs. Jeanne, fair-haired and handsome, recently had her cafe taken over as the corporals' mess of a famous Guards regiment.

Hour's Notice

She received only an hour's notice to expect "an important guest" and thought it might be General Gamelin.

Then she read in the paper that the King was in this sector, and guessed who the important person might be.

She found she had just time to send her waitress into the nearby town for a bouquet of flowers.

Then set to work to make the cafe as neat as a pin.

She was glad she got those flowers in time. When the King arrived he complimented her on them.

He also showed great interest in the news that her husband is serving in the Maginot Line, and that she is carrying on alone.

"Ah, monsieur, I am so happy and proud that I hardly know what I am doing," Madame Jeanne said to me.

"While I was preparing the cafe, my brother-in-law called in, and I told him 'The King of England is taking luncheon in the cafe to-day!'"

"He said, 'You are mad.' He could not believe it."

"Look So Cold"

"Oh, monsieur, I will have such a letter to write to my husband. Perhaps he will hardly believe it either. When the King came in I thought he looked so young and fit, but oh, so cold."

"I wanted to give him something to warm him—and not my novers."

"But I gave him the flowers, and he was charming. I liked his unassuming manner. He came in here just as one of your side, young Guardsmen would come in—simple and natural."

"And I was especially glad to welcome him to my little cafe because my mother, who's lying ill upstairs, has been visited many times by the English doctor with the soldiers."

"He has made her—oh, so much, much better."

"Any Englishman is very welcome in my house. But, Monsieur, I never could believe your King himself would visit me."

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY

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The war with Poland was very unpopular, and many incidents during the mobilisation showed public sentiment.

Villages in western Slovakia often solidly refused the call to arms.

In Lab the reservists, aided by women and children, chased away the gendarmes who came to post up the proclamation, and only on the arrival of German troops were forced at the bayonet-point to enter the lorries.

At Jablonica, where reservists from a large area were concentrated, the hatred of the people against the priests and Hlinka Guards exploded in armed revolt, in which Hlinka Guards were killed.

A trainload of protesting troops then left for the north, to be surrounded by a German force at Trencin and disarmed.

Official accounts of Slovak participation in the Polish campaign are scanty, but Polish refugees in Hungary confirm that the Slovak soldiers had to be forced forward by the Germans in what the Propaganda Minister, Sano Mach, called "Slovakia's victorious surge into the Javorina."

Only 15 of 115 aeroplanes took the air, and of these seven deserted to Poland. Colonel Ambrose, head of the Slovak army in France, reported that Germany forbade him to use his planes on the grounds that German anti-aircraft guns might mistake them for Polish bombers.

In Hungary describe how two Slovak airmen bombed the Polish lines with apples, and, after making a forced landing, offered their services immediately to the Polish command.

Immediately after the Polish campaign the Slovak Minister of War took the decision, independently of German advice, to demobilise his forces. Men have either returned to the villages or are confined to barracks. Others have been drafted for labour corps work in Poland.

German troops, however, remain in occupation, as is shown by the report of a railway accident on October 12, in which four German soldiers were killed. The German minority is organised in special military units commanded by Reich German officers, forming a part of the Slovak army, and wearing Slovak uniforms with a distinguishing swastika badge on the sleeve.

Tiso's Christianity

The single political party (excepting the minority parties) has saved itself from shrinking to a minute group in Bratislava, by making membership of the Hlinka Guard and its kindred formations compulsory. During the summer there were mass desertions from the ranks of the Hlinka Guards. Some villages with more than 200 members of the Guard in April had less than a dozen in August. While the sober elements withdrew, the unruly had to be expelled because of irresponsible anti-Jewish actions which were crippling the retail trade of the entire land. At the first general meeting of the reconstituted Hlinka People's Party, which took place in Trencin on October 12, Mgr. Tiso was elected leader, and all Protestants were excluded from committees. It was decided that failure to join the party would be punished by 14 days' imprisonment or a fine of 5,000 crowns.

Tiso continues to wield a certain influence in country districts by his skilful use of religion in the service of politics. During the summer months it is the traditional custom of the Slovak peasantry to assemble in vast crowds at various shrines, and there to spend a Sunday picnicking in the objects with which their cottages are decorated, and, in the evening, dancing and drinking. It was at such gatherings that Tiso made his

principal speeches, expounding his curiously amended form of Christianity. It was at the Jasim pilgrimage, standing against the great theatrical Jesuit facade of the priory, facing a crowd who knelt before him awaiting the word of God, that he announced that Slovakia would march shoulder to shoulder with Germany, that the Jews would be driven out of the land, and that, though one should love one's neighbour, one should love oneself first. A powerful speaker, Tiso is the present regime's greatest asset. But M. Sidor, whom Hlinka named as his successor, is not forgotten, though he has left Slovakia. It is being widely told how Hlinka intended M. Sidor to read his will on the anniversary of his death and how Tiso prevented this by sending him to home, and acquiring his shares in the newspaper Slovaca.

Popular Resistance

Slovakia is being rapidly impoverished. Trade with Hungary and Yugoslavia has ceased, and Germany is obliged to send supplies of sugar and other foodstuffs from the Protectorate. The forests are being felled at the rate of 150 per cent. a. annual regrowth. Public money is being spent on works for the benefit of the German Army, on fortifying the Hungarian frontier, and on the building of vast motorways in a land where the horse is the normal means of transport. The number of pupils in the schools has been doubled, and all married women teachers have been discharged, although over a thousand Czech teachers have left the country. All financial measures—indeed, all legislative measures—have to be submitted to the attention of Seyss-Inquart in Vienna.

Organised resistance to the regime is growing, and contact with Czech underground workers is intimate, far more so than before the war. Arrests are on the increase, among them being those of the general manager of the railways, M. Ivan Vist, who was apprehended after railway workers had struck; of the writer M. Elio Jelinek; of Pastor L. Necker; and of the former general secretary of the Hlinka Party. Many members of Dr. Hozda's party, and of the Sidor group in the Hlinka Party, have also been arrested, including Dr. Ivan Derer, a former Minister, and Dr. Ivan Markovic, president of

Dutch Plane Crashes

Singapore, Jan. 22.
All five passengers and three of the crew were killed and a mechanic injured when a Lockheed plane crashed to-day while taking off from Bali for Sydney.

The plane belonged to the Royal Netherlands Indies Airways—United Press.

Goodwill Flight
Tokyo, Jan. 22.
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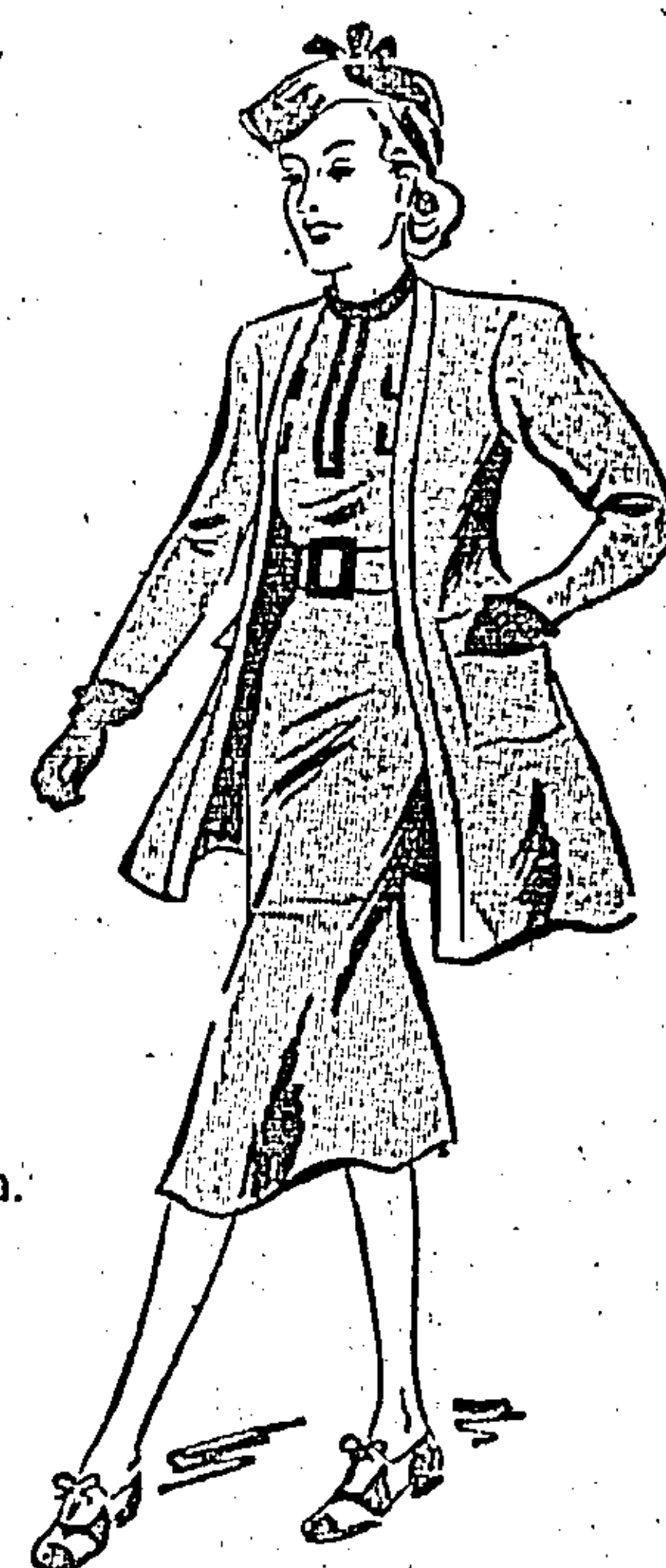
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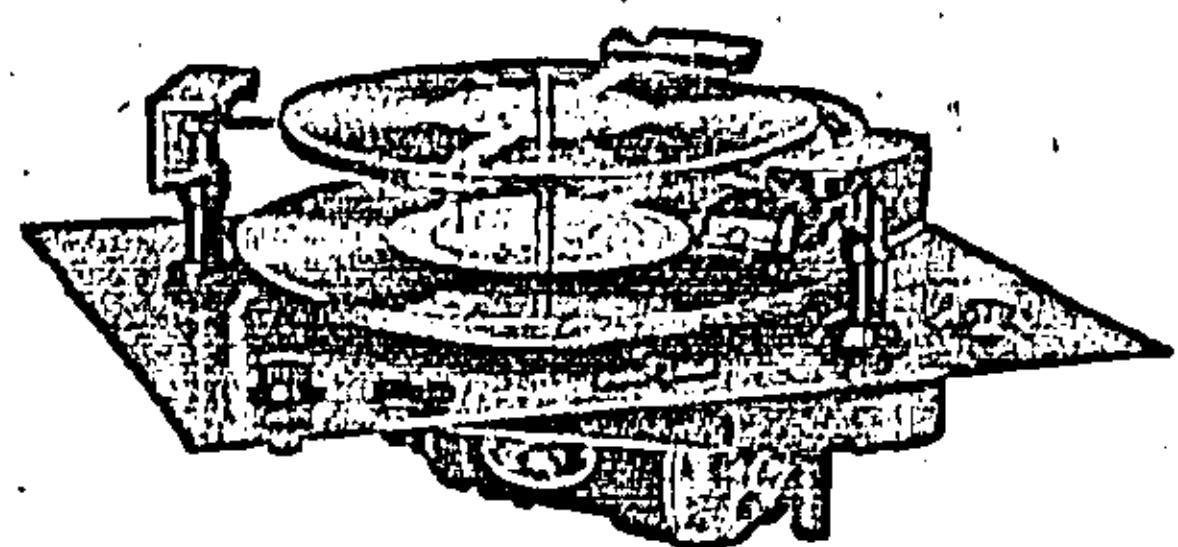
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THERE is an oft-told legal anecdote about a man who, after being tried for stealing a pair of trousers, and after having been given the benefit of the doubt, was informed by his counsel that he might leave the dock. "But I can't," was the reply. "I've got the trousers on!" That anecdote would illustrate any attempt by Wang Ching-wei or the Japanese to convince that the secret agreement between them, so dramatically exposed by two of Wang's erstwhile followers, is anything but what it is meant to be—the betrayal of one-fifth of the world's population into bondage.

Indeed, Wang Ching-wei's chief secretary, Chen Chun-po, has realised the difficulty of repudiating the agreement and has admitted that the text published in Hongkong is genuine. He excuses the severity of the terms as "only representing the Japanese demands and not including Wang Ching-wei's counter demands or the terms which were actually agreed upon."

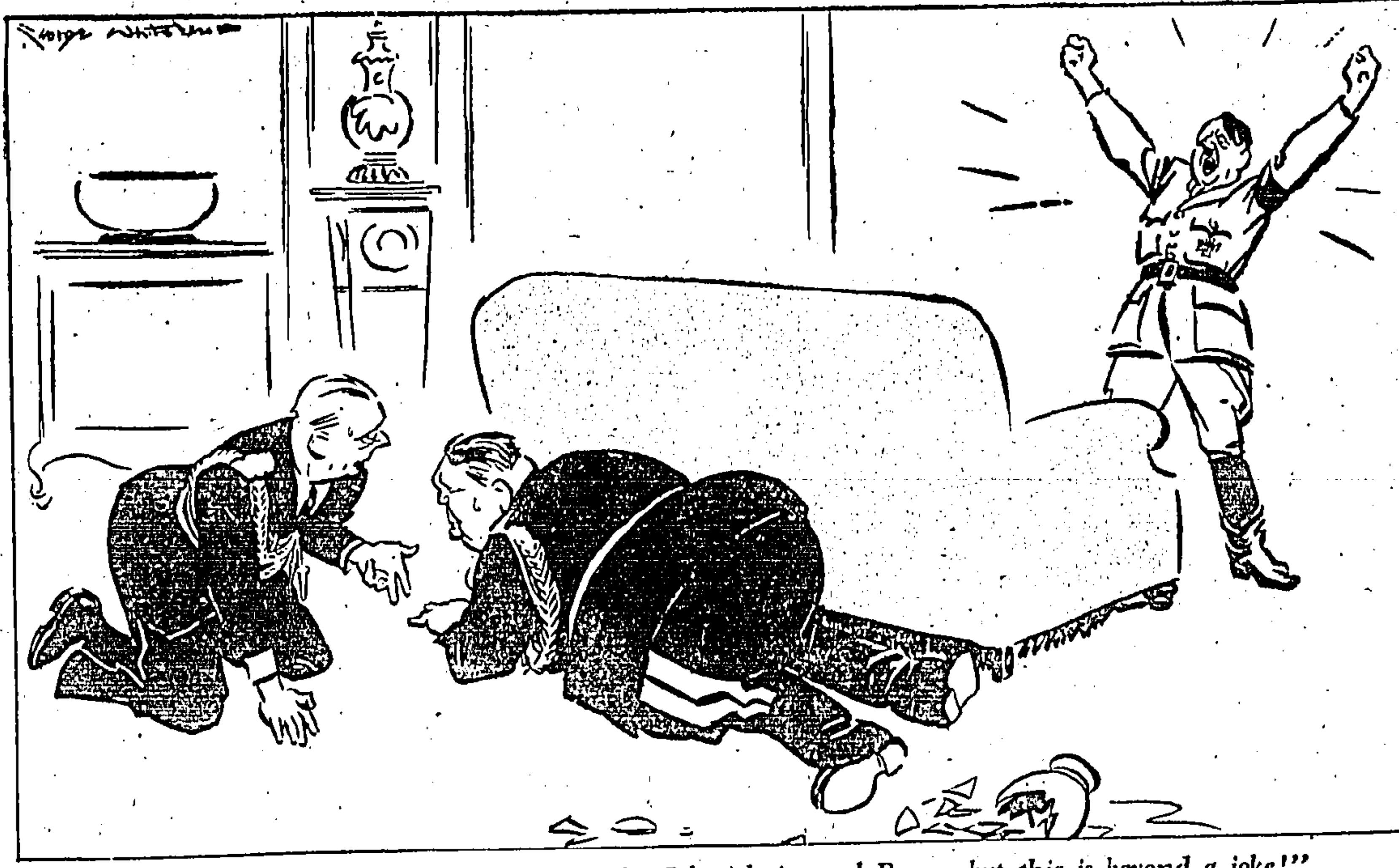
"The real terms," he continues in almost apologetic explanation, "are not detrimental to China's sovereignty or independence."

Admission that the terms are those which Japan seeks to impose on China after two and a half years of warfare in which China is by no means the most exhausted of the belligerents, and the further admission that Wang Ching-wei was even prepared to discuss peace and the formation of a new "government" with these terms as a basis of discussion at once brands the Wang regime as an enemy to the Chinese people. If the evidence tendered by Wang's former supporters is so irrefutable that it brings admission from Wang's own camp, are we not then to believe that the further allegation by Kai Tsung-wu and Tao Hsi-sheng that Wang has actually signed the terms disclosed in the photostat reproductions—the two men claim that the treaty was signed in a Japanese hotel in Shanghai on December 31—has also irrefutably? Chen Chun-po claims that Wang's counter-claims have been adopted by the Japanese; that they are not detrimental to Chinese independence, "but the time is not yet ripe for publication." Why if the terms are as the Japanese people, would not this the most opportune time to publish them, in view of the irreparable damage done to Wang's already discredited cause by exposure of what is admitted to be, at the very least, the basis on which he negotiated with Japan.

Japan's bull-headedness in the past in her dealings not only with China but with third Powers does not offer support for Chen Chun-po's claim that she has, between December 30 and yesterday, weakened to such an extent that she completely abandoned the demands exposed yesterday and has agreed to substitute claims "not detrimental to China's sovereignty or independence."

There are damning facts which Wang and his followers—we predict that Kai Tsung-wu and Tao Hsi-sheng will not be able to ignore—cannot conceal from the outer world, however they are reconcilable to Wang's conscience. There are the trousers—the betrayal of a Central Government and a leader whom Wang pledged to support; the secret negotiations in the capital of an enemy whose planes were bombing Chinese women and children; the demands upon which Wang entered negotiation and, according to two of his close followers, actually signed.

There is, doubtless, large allowance to be made for Wang Ching-wei. He is a disappointed and discredited man, who is actually conscious that his reputation has lost whatever it had. He who now faces charges of treason if he ever returns to that part of his country not oc-



RIBBENTROP: "It was all very well for Schuschnigg and Benes, but this is beyond a joke!"

Still we use the DOGS OF WAR..

DOGS, hundreds of them, are "serving" in the Maginot Line.

They still have a place in modern armies. New mechanical inventions can no more replace them than they can replace foot-soldiers.

Many people early in the last war were shocked to see photos of dogs in Belgium pulling light rubber-wheeled carriages mounted with machine-guns.

To-day dogs are still used. In the Maginot Line there are hundreds of them. They are used for three main purposes.

First of all, there are the "watch-dogs." For this purpose Alsatians, Greenlands, and Malinois are best. They are used at observation posts to supplement the warning of approaching planes given by the delicate detecting instruments.

In 1915 a well-known watch-dog, "Lion," was capable of giving the alarm 30 minutes before an enemy plane came in sight.

His behaviour was characteristic. He would lift his head, look up at the sky, constantly and violently shake his body and give short but repeated barks.

Every man in the company knew the signs. Not once was the dog mistaken.

Watch-dogs can also give the alarm if an enemy soldier is creeping across the ground ahead. A dog has far more sensitive powers of hearing than a human being. Watch him. Every move made by the prowler, unheard by the sentry, is immediately heard by the dog.

His head points towards the place where the soldier lurks. A move to the left or to the right is registered at once by the dog slightly moving his head.

Secondly, war-dogs are used by the Army Medical Corps. They go at night with the stretcher-bearers into No-Man's Land, searching for wounded.

In the dark human searchers often miss wounded men, lying unconscious, incapable of attracting attention. So the dogs are specially trained to "smell out" the wounded.

captured by his countrymen's enemy was the very adviser who, five years ago, told China to beware of Japanese intrigue. Certainly, he will claim that he but seeks to put China on a new basis, and will pretend that the arch-enemy of China is a really kindred spirit with whom it is most natural to be on neighbourly terms. But Wang can surely not claim that the "new basis" disclosed yesterday is calculated to inspire either confidence or respect.

And thirdly, dogs are used as "runners" or "carriers."

Attacking parties can use them to send back messages to headquarters when a soldier could not get through and when the distance is too short for the use of pigeons.

Such a dog has to cross the enemy's fire. He must be cunning, swift, and very carefully trained. Greyhounds, deerhounds and wolfhounds are usually best at this work.

Food and ammunition can be carried by dogs as well as messages. A heavier dog is needed for these—Great Danes, St. Bernards, Alsatians.

When incessant artillery fire makes it impossible for the Army Service Corps men to reach the forward trenches, they can send these dogs specially laden through the maze of communication trenches to revictual cut-off outposts.

For days on end they may be the sole source of supply for troops engaged in heavy fighting.

Dogs are indeed precious to the soldier—even to-day.

P. B.

Turkey's Choice WHAT IT MEANS

by W. N. Ewer

TURKEY declines the Russian proposals. Her decision is of the first importance to us.

For behind the pact proposals was a more far-reaching idea. To lure Turkey away from her friendship with Britain and France—to lure her into the Russo-German camp.

It is part of a diplomatic offensive into territory and waters which are vitally important for the British Empire.

For a hundred and fifty years—ever since General Bonaparte conceived the idea of attacking the Indian Empire by the invasion of Egypt—it has been understood here that the Eastern Mediterranean is of nearly as much consequence to us as the Channel or the North Sea.

From the moment that Nelson sailed for the Nile we have never for a moment taken our eyes off these parts. All through the nineteenth century the "Eastern Question" was the main preoccupation of British statesmanship.

So it has been, so it must be. For more than ever since the Suez

Canal was made) this is part of a "life line" of the Empire—the route to India, to Australia, to New Zealand, to East Africa.

Relatively to this area of "vital interest" to the British Commonwealth, Turkey occupies a position of supreme strategic importance.

She lies athwart the route which either of the East European Powers must take if they are to menace us there. She is the guardian of the Straits, the strongest of the Balkan Powers.

She and we have a deep community of interest. She must, and we must, for our very safety, oppose and prevent a drive from the north to the Mediterranean, whether it comes from Berlin or from Moscow. That has been an axiom both of British and of Turkish policy for a century and more.

Exceptions to the rule have been rare, and always unfortunate. The Turkey of Kemal has understood Turkish interests better than did Talat and Djavid and Enver. After the war and its ill legacies had been liquidated Turkey has followed two rules.

She has kept on the most friendly terms with her great military neighbour to the north. Friendship with Russia, so long as Russia had no Balkan ambitions herself and was opposed to them in anybody else, was a fixed and a wise rule.

So was friendship with Great Britain, her great naval neighbour to the South, whose interests were clearly the same as hers—the keeping of the peace in the Balkans and in the Aegean.

For Britain a strong, and independent Turkey is a bulwark against aggression in a region of first concern to us. For Turkey Britain is an invaluable support should her strength and independence be threatened.

Between the two Turkish policies of friendship with Russia and friendship with Britain there should have been no clash, no incompatibility.

M. Sarajoglu has worked hard these three weeks in Moscow to persuade the Russians of this.

He has—with the cordial agreement of London and Paris—offered M. Molotov every concession and every assurance to make it plain that the Anglo-Turkish and Franco-Turkish pacts would in no way be directed against the Soviet Union.

But M. Molotov—and indeed M. Stalin himself—have demanded too much. They have insisted on terms which would have made the pacts pointless: on terms which would have placed Turkey almost under Russian tutelage; they have declined to give her any safeguard against a German aggression in the Balkans.

They have forced the Turkish Government to choose. And it has made the choice which Turkish interests required.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Well, I do know Gaylord is faithful—he's had the same secretary for ten years."

RUSSIAN SERVANTS
Soviet Consul's Action To Give Employment

Tientsin, Jan. 22.
The Soviet Consul-General, M. Serge NIKOLIN, informed a corres-

pondent to-day that he recently replaced the entire Chinese staff and also the servants with Russian men because many Russians in Tientsin were without employment.

It is rumoured that the substitution was made owing to the Chinese servants giving information to the Japanese.—United Press.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

PEACE OR ELSE

LONDON, Jan. 22 (UP).—The diplomatic correspondent of the "Sunday Observer" says information has been received in Sweden, Holland, Switzerland, and Italy that German agents, calling themselves delegations, have crossed the frontier from Germany and made known that their mission is to suggest still another basis for an immediate armistice. They say this is that Germany evacuate Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria, which will agree to a Customs union with Germany, and that Hitler will be deposed and replaced by Goering. If this suggestion is not accepted, "hell will be let loose," they declare.

JAPANESE PROTEST LODGED

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turn home, they would be particularly useful to the German war effort. Thirty other Germans were on board. They were mostly merchants and were allowed to continue on their way.

The right to remove enemies of military age from a neutral ship is recognized by international law, these same officers said. It has been used by the Germans several times in the Baltic when German warships took off Poles of military age.

Last month, Mr. Gordon Vereker, former Counselor of the British Embassy in Moscow, and several Poles were taken off a neutral ship by a German warship.

Mr. Vereker was only released because he was a Consul official.

Text of Protest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (Domei).—Japan's protest regarding the Asama Maru incident was presented to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, at 10.50 p.m. last night.

The protest stated that the Japanese Government reserved the right to demand the return of the Germans who were taken off the N.Y.K. liner.

It disclosed that the incident occurred at 12.50 p.m. on Sunday, at a point 35 knots off Neijima Point.

"A British warship ordered the Japanese ship Asama Maru, en route from Honolulu to Yokohama, to stop. According to the Japanese ship, the Japanese ship stopped at a point 34.34 degrees North and 140.31 degrees East.

"The British warship then sent an Officer and a number of ratings to the Asama Maru.

"The British naval unit demanded the handing over of 21 German passengers, pleading the right under International Law, but without giving a detailed explanation of the reason for the demand or even without giving the name of the ship.

"The Captain of the Asama Maru declined the British request but could not prevent the British naval unit from forcefully seizing the said German passengers.

"The British Government has been sufficiently informed that the Japanese Government has stood for the generally recognized provision that the nationals of a belligerent Power aboard a neutral ship of whom the other belligerent Power would be able to demand the handing over should be confined to those who are at the moment included in the military forces.

"Extremely Serious View"

"Despite the fact that the British authorities are well aware of the Japanese attitude, the British warship has taken the forceful step near the coast of Japan, and the Japanese Government cannot but regard the British action as an unfriendly act of momentum.

"The Japanese Government are taking an extremely serious view of the affair, and cannot acquiesce in the action taken by the British Navy.

"The Japanese Government requests an explanation from the British Government regarding the affair.

"The Japanese Government make it clear in advance that they reserve the right of demanding the handing over of the Germans who have been taken aboard."

"The British action has gravely acted upon public opinion in Japan.

"In view of the fact that it is inevitable that any repetition will all the more seriously aggravate the feelings of the Japanese people against Great Britain, the Japanese Government requests that the British Government pay profound consideration to the matter in the broad light of relationship between the two countries."

A. E. DAVIES WINS KOWLOON G.C. SENIOR TITLE

PLAYING in the final of the Kowloon Golf Club's senior championship, A. E. Davies won the title when he beat R. K. Collins at the 36th hole recently.

The Junior Championship was won by T. Henderson, who beat W. Ker-shaw in the final.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

S. J. Cox, 81-10=71, and M. F. Pinna, 81-18=73, qualified for the Captain's Cup competition over the week-end.

JAPANESE ANNOYED BY BRITISH ACTION

Passengers Describe How Men were taken off

Serious developments are threatened by Japan in consequence of the stopping of the Japanese liner Asama Maru by a British warship on Sunday and the seizure of a number of Germans aboard.

Tokyo, Jan. 22. Captain Watanabe, who revealed that a British "Black List" of German military age men guided the British naval authorities.

"They had a list containing every German on the ship," he said. "They presented the list when I asked if they had any evidence of identification of German aboard the ship."

"In my opinion it is to be expected and cannot be prevented that belligerent countries confiscate enemy goods or seize persons who would serve the enemy to advantage. I had no reason to deny that Germans of military age were among the passengers and I permitted them to be handed over."

Captain Watanabe said that the British warship was a cruiser.

The remaining 30 Germans were not landed when the Asama Maru arrived in Yokohama and it is expected they will go to Tokyo to-day and confer with the German Embassy officials.

Passengers' Story

Tokyo, Jan. 22. Writing in the Japan Times, a Japanese passenger of the Asama Maru says: "I saw the thrilling episode in the initial press conference of the European war on the Pacific."

"I saw the ship with some 200 odd passengers and 300 crew members that lined over the railings of this trans-Pacific liner to witness the dramatic transfer of 21 German seamen passengers at the hands of the British cruiser at the very gateway to Tokyo Bay."

"One of the German passengers who had been scanning the western horizon through a binocular glass for a glimpse of the approaching shores of Nippon was called by attention to a warship. The word soon got around and all took it for granted that the vessel was of the Japanese Navy but as the ship loomed closer, it was noticed that the colour of the ship was of lighter hue than the usual dark gray characterizing the Japanese warship."

"Yet the prevailing opinion that no warship could be so near to Japan than that of Japanese. I saw the ship suddenly cut across the bow of the Asama Maru."

"That is not Japanese. She is British," the German with the binocular glass informed me with a troubled mind.

"It was clear that the ship was a cruiser although the flag was not quite discernible to the naked eye. The ship turned about as she crossed towards the portside and once again crossed directly in the path of our liner to the starboard."

"This time the British Union Jack was distinct and there was a murmur of excitement on board as every one sensed an incident of international significance on the high seas."

"Our first thought was of fifty odds against the German passengers on board. We were told before we left Los Angeles that there was a strong possibility of an incident on the Pacific when newspapers headlined the boarding of German seamen on their way home to Berlin through Japan and Siberia."

"Code flags were hoisted by the cruiser in rapid succession. The flash signal was also in progress. Suddenly the puff of a blue smoke shot out of the forward turret of the British warship followed by a salvo of machine gun fire. No salvo went down and our ship came to a halt. The crew members of the British cruiser now crowded on their starboard side as a launch containing a squad of seamen and an officer charged the water towards the port-bow of the Asama Maru."

"All photographic apparatus aboard were seen in action as the passengers and crew of the Asama Maru watched the event with tense interest. The feeling on board was definitely unpopular for the intruding cruiser."

"It was not long after that that stewards were paying all German passengers to report at once to the first-class drawing room. No sooner had the Germans assembled than a British officer ignored the purser's messenger list to read off his own list of German names. All but two of the 23 German passengers called answered."

"A search was instituted for the missing individuals without avail. After consultation between the British officer, Captain Yoshida Watanabe of our liner and the head of the German seamen, the latter addressed the men called out in German explaining that they were prisoners."

"One of the seamen standing nearest to the British officer suddenly swung his fist striking the latter and plunging into the fray. The tension as curious passengers manifested their unanimous sympathies for the Germans."

"The Germans were told to gather round to their respective boats to bring their baggage which they prepared in hopes of landing safely in Yokohama only a few hours hence."

"Many of the passengers, both foreign and Japanese exchanged good-bye and good luck with the

Germans climbing down the rope to the waiting launch below.

"Meanwhile, there were heated conversations on all sides regarding the manner of the foreign warship stopping the merchant ship of a neutral country."

Some Japanese passengers and crew members complained of the decision of the Asama Maru captain in permitting the release of the German passengers.

"Exactly two hours later the Asama Maru resumed its 100 miles voyage to Yokohama while the British cruiser steamed off in the opposite direction."

Press Headlines

Tokyo, Jan. 22. The story is displayed in banner headlines in this morning's newspapers.

"A British cruiser commits an act of piracy in the Japanese coastal sea," is the caption of one journal.

The Foreign Office spokesman is expected to issue a statement outlining the position.

A member of the Asama Maru crew said: "Though we could not resist our ship's demand, our blood boiled at the thought of the German passengers being taken away from us."

Grave Issue At Stake

Tokyo, Jan. 22. The gravity of the issue at stake was urged by the Joint Committee of the House of Representatives when it met at 1.15 o'clock this afternoon.

"Disagreeable Incident"

Tokyo, Jan. 22. "The incident occurred very near shores and we consider it very disagreeable," declared the Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Suma, to-day.

"What steps will be taken whether a protest will be lodged or not will be decided later when more information is available."—United Press.

British Statement

Tokyo, Jan. 22. The British Embassy issued the following statement to-day:

"The act is fully in accordance with International Law and precedent even during the present war."

"The German Government has already acted in this manner. It is understood in regard to the Asama Maru that all of Germans were not removed only technicians and skilled ratings being taken away as they would be useful to the German war effort."—Domei.

RED NO. 1 GAOLED

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an hour, charged Browder with a carefully versed scheme for fraudulently obtaining passports.

"If not so bold that he did it four times," the prosecution asserted.

"If ever there was a deliberate repetition of aggravation and wilful intent, it is in this case," he contended.

Browder, occasionally pounding the jury rail in his excitement, denied that the Government had found him guilty.

He launched into a discussion on the rights of American labour and the American working class. Judge Cox, however, forced him to desist, drawing attention to the fact that his communist affiliations have no connection with the case.

Browder To Appeal

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Earl Browder's trial in the sum of \$7,500 will be continued until Wednesday when he appears for fixing a new bond in connection with his appeal.

The jury took only 45 minutes to consider the verdict in the Browder case.

Jury Thanked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (UP).—After deliberating 45 minutes, the jury convicted Earl Browder on both counts for fraudulently securing passports, making him liable to a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a \$4,000 fine. Judge Cox immediately sentenced Browder to 4 years imprisonment and fined him \$2,000.

Judge Cox said, "I am not in the habit of thanking juries, but in this case I want to thank them for the way they courageously and fearlessly conducted themselves."

Browder's trial was continued until Wednesday, the Judge specifying that the defence counsel must perfect an appeal by that time. Browder left the court-room, presumably to speak at to-night's State Communist rally, which is being held in Madison Square Gardens.

DOCUMENT AUTHENTIC, SAYS WANG SPOKESMAN

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Wang Ching-wei is not in a legal position to sign such an agreement.

Not Surprised

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Further intensification in China's determination to carry on the war against Japan and a "complete disappearance of all possibilities of peace negotiations between the two countries" are stated to be the official reaction here to the publication of the reported terms of agreement between Wang Ching-wei and Japan.

Interviewed this evening, a Chinese Government spokesman declared that the Chinese were not surprised at the severity of the terms laid down by the Japanese, as they represented the basic policy previously followed by the Japanese Army.

OCEAN FIRE TRAGEDY: MANY STILL MISSING

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These life-boats contain the 100 or so who are missing.

Scant Hope For Missing

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GENOA, Jan. 22 (UP).—There is scant hope of the survival of the 107 persons aboard the Ozorio's missing lifeboats, due to a storm and heavy north winds.

Rescue ships and planes have not sighted the lifeboats and it is feared they have overturned in the heavy seas.

The Italian Navigation Company said they had no knowledge as to the cause of the disaster.

Distress signals were radiated at 5.16 a.m. and 5.20 a.m. on Sunday. The flames entered the radio room before the radio operator could report the cause.

It is believed that no attempt will be made to salvage the vessel.

Captain Michele Schiano, who was saved, was on his last trip prior to retirement.

A French liner landed 45 survivors at Marseilles this morning and they were immediately sent to hospital. The Commander said that at least one of the lifeboats filled with passengers had been lost.

Numerous rescue ships, he said, took off the survivors in the midst of the gale, which fanned the flames from stem to stern.

RED RAIDS CONTINUE

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Flans with radio loud-speakers warning them that the Germans were coming.

Russian artillery to-day smashed shells at the rate of 100 a minute into the east end of the Manganese Line apparently in an attempt to make the entire line untenable by turning the Finnish left wing along Lake Ladoga.

Reports from the front state that the Finns are replying with machine guns and artillery. They are holding out in the east.

The Russians have been piling up munitions for the past fortnight and there are prospects of a big scale Russian offensive soon.

LABOUR M.P. AT CHENG TU

CHENG TU, Jan. 23 (Central).—Sir Stafford Gripps, former Labour Party leader in the British Parliament, who came to China to investigate the Industrial Co-operatives Movement and reconstruction work, arrived here from Chungking by automobile yesterday.

He will visit different factories on January 24 and will attend a welcome meeting arranged in Chengtu on January 25. On January 26 he will proceed to Kuanhsien to inspect conservancy work.

War Savings By Royal Household

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wire- less).—Spending to-day to the Westminster National Savings Committee, the Treasury Financial Secretary stated that a special committee had been formed in the Royal Household, with the King's approval, as part of the already existing National Savings Group. His Majesty had provided the initial funds for this Committee's work, and both the King and Queen desire to make it as easy as possible for the staff of the Household to participate in the Savings movement.

Quezon Reaffirms Decision

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Jan. 22 (Domei).—President Quezon, opening the National Assembly to-day, rejected the proposed postponement of the Philippine independence and reaffirmed the determination of the Commonwealth to do its utmost for the accomplishment of independence and freedom.

German Becomes A Chinese

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22 (UP).—A German Jewish refugee, Dr. William Rosenberg, whose family has lived in Westphalia for four centuries, has announced that he has been granted Chinese citizenship. He is the first Shanghai refugee to become a Chinese citizen.

Dr. Rosenberg, one of the earliest refugees, came to Shanghai six years ago. The local German authorities confiscated his German passport and refused to renew it.

A considerable number of refugees have applied for Chinese citizenship but so far only a few have been accepted. Dr. Rosenberg's notification from Chungking stated that an exception has been made in his case as a sign of gratitude for his services in helping to treat the Chinese soldiers during the Shanghai fighting and for his love of Chinese culture.

CHURCHILL RAISES A HORNET'S NEST

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neutral countries. He, it will be recalled, described their plight as "terrible," and said that it would become worse. He asked what would happen if they did their duty in accordance with the League Covenant, and stood with the British and French empires against aggression.

Newspapers of some of the northern neutral countries say that they don't want advice from any belligerents, and the Belgian paper, "National Belge," says Belgium never requires over the most friendly foreign advice to recall her to her duty.

Welcomed In Paris

The French press welcomes the speeches. Concerning the danger to neutral countries "if Britain and France concluded a shameful peace," "Le Temps" says that only a complete victory for Britain and France can secure Europe from that peril.

While the German press tries to use Mr. Churchill's speech as evidence of an Allied desire to extend the war to other parts of the world, it is viewed as his own estimate of the situation which is already perfectly clear to everyone.

In London, it is pointed out that while the speech must come with considerable authority from Mr. Churchill, it does not represent any new departure, and Mr. Churchill's words should not be taken as a considered statement of Government policy.

Dealing with this point, the "Manchester Guardian" says that while it is true that if neutral countries were to throw in their lot with Britain and France, their act would eventually be decisive. Yet it is only an ideal.

"It is necessary that we should understand that small European countries are in, what is for them, a terrible situation," the "Manchester Guardian" continues. "It is reasonable to ask for an understanding from them in our fight for existence and if this struggle involves them in serious inconvenience."

Twice there has been reason to think that Holland or Belgium, or both, was about to be invaded. In Scandinavia, there is a strong fear lest the developments of the Finnish war should bring Germany into action.

It is for us to intensify our efforts to make the seas safe and free the neutrals from German tyranny, the paper points out, and we should treat them with all possible consideration. In return we may ask them to remain benevolently neutral.

Referring to Mr. Churchill's review of the war, the "Daily Telegraph" says that this is a record of triumph over submarine, mine and aircraft such as no one of knowledge would have dared to predict. The paper contrasts this with the deliberate destruction by Germany of ships of small neutral states.

The "Times" deals with Mr. Churchill's statement that the safety ratio in the Allied convoys is about 50 to one. The considerable margin of security does not apply to ships of neutrals.

If neutrals were to join in Franco-British convoys and even in accordance with the Covenant of the League, stand in together with the British and French Empires in their fight against aggression and wrong, they would join in an issue which is certainly as important for these neutral states as it is for the belligerents, says the "Times."

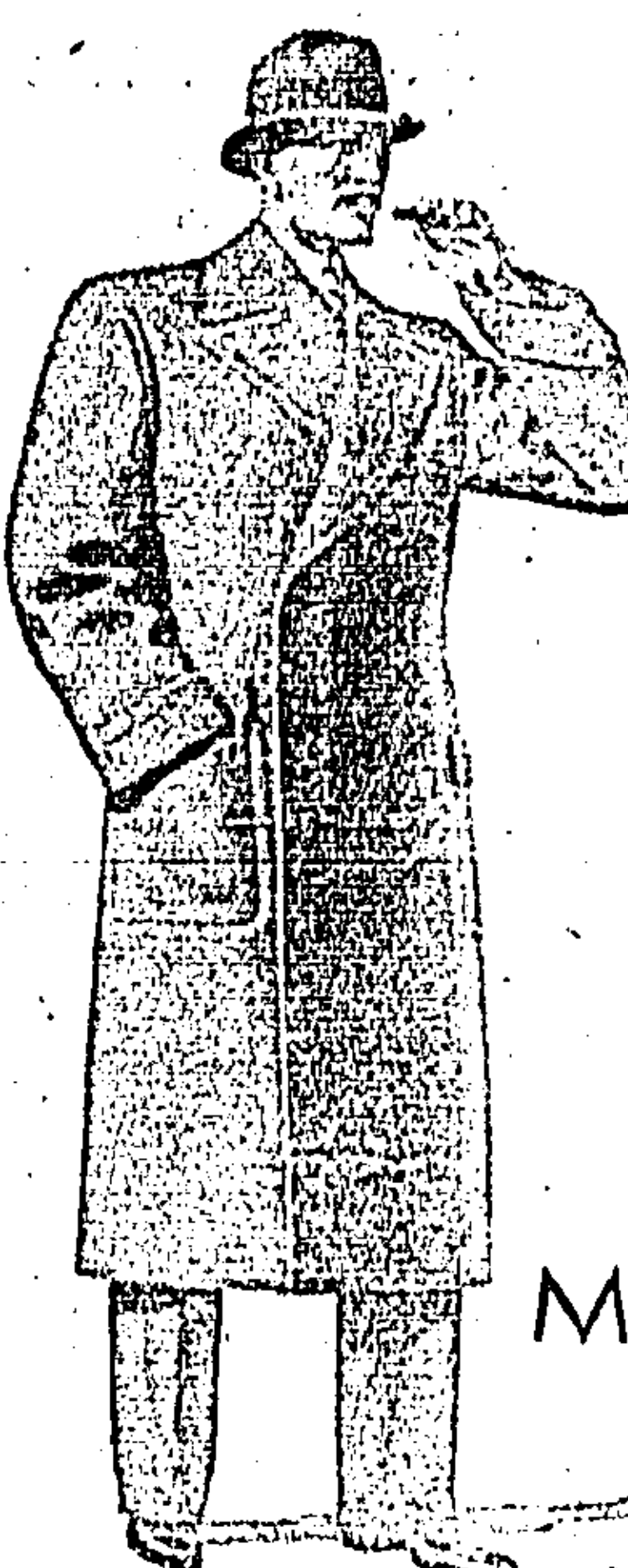
DIAMOND FIT FOR A CROWN

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terrorists two days later; Sultan Abdul Hamid, who shot his Sultan and was deposed; and Mr. Habib, who was drowned at sea off Singapore.

Other famous Indian diamonds, which are smaller than the 62 carat diamond for sale in Hongkong, include the Sancy, weighing 63.12/10, once the property of Queen Elizabeth, the King of Spain and an Indian prince; the Empress Eugenie, 51 carats, the property of the galleon of Baroda; the Pigott, 40 carats; the Pasha, 40 carats; the White Saxon, 49 1/2 carats and the Star of Este, 25.13/32 carats.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

LEAGUE FINALLY MAKES A START

Surprisingly Poor Fielding In Craigengower-Kowloon Match

Fine Centuries By T. A. Pearce And Richardson

ON SATURDAY LAST the much discussed League started in the Senior Division. As I understand the matter the University have gallantly raised a second eleven, and their first have taken over the Navy fixtures. They must not be discouraged if they do not meet with much success—especially in the second eleven.

The putting into the field of two teams will undoubtedly have a very stimulating effect on cricket at the University, and if they do not reap any immediate reward, there will be better times coming in the next few years.

For the time being at all events, the Army first eleven is carrying on in the Senior Division, and I understand they have arranged the first and second elevens as is most convenient. (I should like to see an all day game between the two sides!) They were at home to Recreation in a game which had many vicissitudes. A bad start—five wickets were down for under forty—was checked by Godby and Denyer. The former did not perhaps get his fair share of the bowling, but I have seldom seen him kept so quiet.

The ground fielding was excellent. Denyer hit as usual. How he manages to run about five feet down the pitch, and then get back and push the ball in the direction of third man I do not know. It is this quickness of foot plus an excellent eye that rescues him from the dangers usually incumbent on a cheerful cross bat.

LAST WICKET STAND

JUST AS GODBY seemed to be set to hit a very long hop over his head to cover where Gerry Gosno made an excellent catch. Other wickets soon fell, and things looked bad when Denyer was stumped after making forty-one. Nine wickets were down for 88 but Major Petri and Hatfield hung on to the shack and laid about them, taking the score to 135 before the latter snickered one from G. N. Gosno (who had relieved E. L.) to second slip.

A SHAKY START

KNOWING the Recreation batting I was by no means sure that they would win when Luigi Gosno and Soares were gone for under ten. But then Zinho and Eddie Gosno settled down to a good stand. One or two difficult chances were put down, but the bowling was not quite good enough and the Recreation won by 3 wickets after a well fought game.

SCORERS AND UMPIRES

A COMMENT was made that day that it is unfortunate that Clubs cannot produce, besides an eleven, an umpire and a scorer. It should be possible to produce a scorer at any time in Clubs, who, when they put out two elevens, may often have used up most of the enthusiasm—for it takes an enthusiast to devote all or most of his Saturday afternoons to a non-active position.

There ought to be more, I know, and I fear one must confess that there is not such a widespread enthusiasm for the game as there used to be. Nor, curiously enough, do many of the past enthusiasts stay by the game in this way.

Robby umpires regularly for K.C.C., Wallington, who has dropped out owing to an injury, and plays once a year, scores regularly for the Club; Paul Baskett umpires frequently for the Club, and I hang on to the game by writing about it. The Army and Navy can usually find several chaps only too glad to fill either billet, but it is not easy for all Clubs, more's the pity.

K. C. C. Wriggle Home

I WAS UNABLE to get over to the K.C.C., but I gather the fielding was pretty bad—which is rather sad as both sides—and particularly Craigengower—used to be particularly good in the field. Lee and Lloyd rather pinned the Craigengower batsmen down to a slow scoring pace. There was no collapse, but Ernie Zimmerman had to declare at 151 for 9 which was by no means a safe

proposition against the strength of the K.C.C. batting. F. R. Zimmerman (44) and E. Zimmerman (37) were top scorers. A. T. Lee took 16 not out.

POWERFUL BATTING

THE K.C.C. BATSMEN had an hour and a half to get the runs and in view of the pace at which the ball travels in the out field these dry days they should have done it. They did! But there seems something very wrong with C.C.C.'s bowling. Their stock trundler E. R. Zimmerman had an off day, and was hit for 70 in 9 overs. Billmorris is completely off this season, and Winch alone 0-0-16-2 did anything though he bowled several wides in his second spell—possibly due to stiffness as it was a cold afternoon. I am not aware why Tinker Lee did not have a go with the ball. Some years ago he could be very awkward on his day. Anderson (75 not out) is back in form and saved the situation. Ernie Fincher (28) and N.A.E. Macley (26 not out) also played useful knocks.

I.R.C. v. Varsity

AS I FEARED, the University was no match for the I.R.C. at Sookunpo. The pitch had been over-watered, I think, and the ball flew about a bit. Minu and A. H. Madar were far too good for the Varsity batsmen, and only Matthews (16) and G. Hong Choy (21) got double figures. Madar who made the ball kick very badly at the end of the innings took his last 5 wickets without conceding a run to return the figures 9-4-24-0.

NAZARIN GETS GOING

NAZARIN got going for (I think) the first time this season, and made 54, while Kitchell collected 35. R. Singh took three wickets, but he was terribly expensive. It is a thousand pities he cannot get rid of the curious habit in his action when he seems to pull up before the bowling crease before delivering the ball. Gogge's figures of 8-2-20-1 were sound against a good batting side.

Two Centuries

IN ALL MY TIME here I cannot call to mind two centuries having been made in one Saturday afternoon in Senior Division cricket. True, it was not League cricket, but the Club had out practically their best side. The Civil Service unfortunately lacked two of their best bowlers—McLellan and Whitley, and Alec Pearce and Owen-Hughes hammered their weak attack unmercifully. The former retired on completing his century, and declared at 232 for 4 wickets.

The Civil Service had about 2 hours to bat and started off by sending up 50 in 24 minutes, but with Fortescue out the rapid fall of the wickets of Hollidge and Colledge set them back, and another factor was the sudden discovery of a real bowler by the Club.

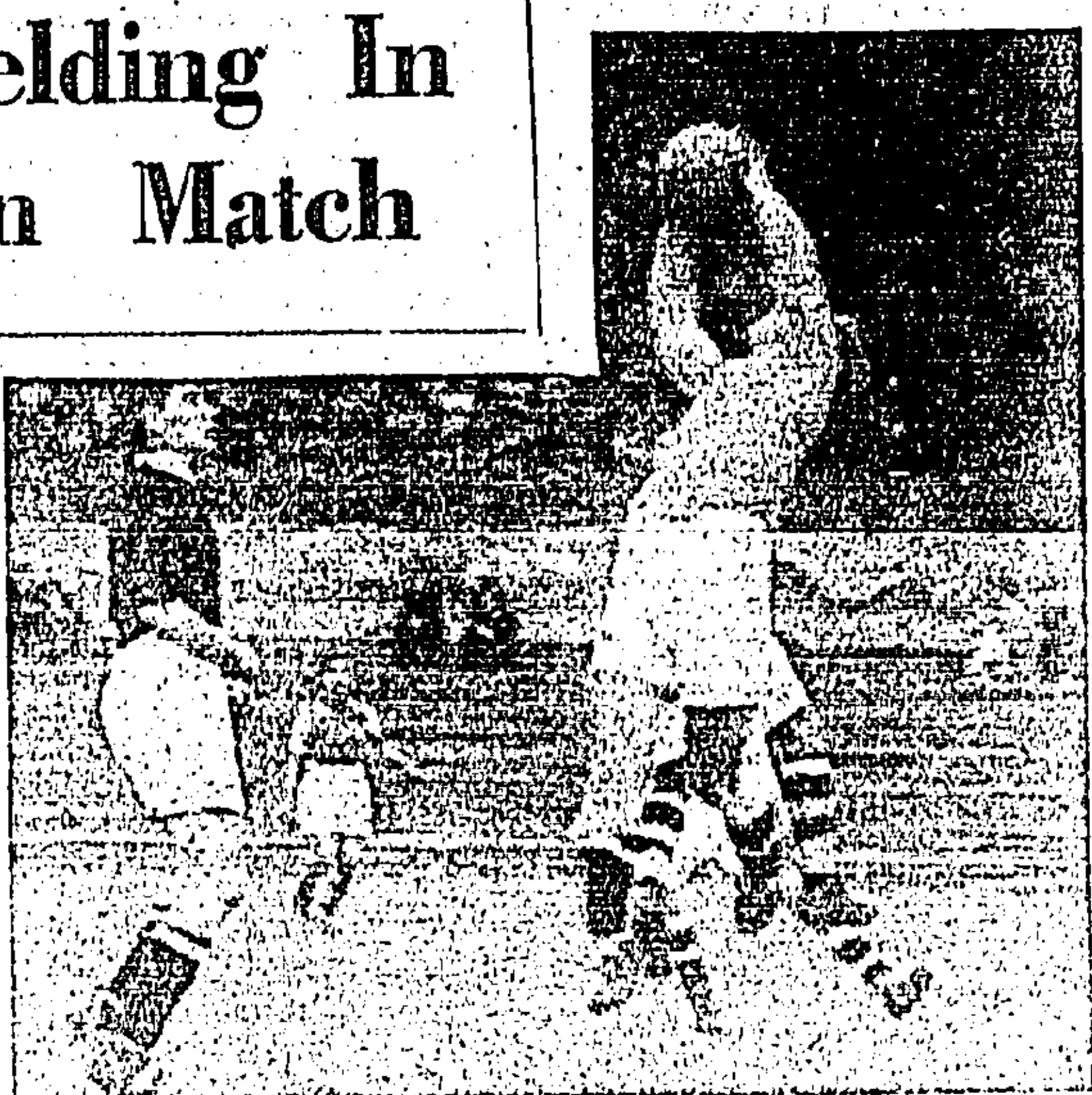
Aitkenhead did not go on until third change, but, bowling to Richardson after he had made fifty, he completely stuck him up. Bowling last with an excellent length and direction, he sent down 7 overs for 21 runs, and though he got no wickets he was easily the most dangerous bowler, and any attempt to take liberties with him would have resulted in the fall of a wicket. If he plays regularly he will take a lot of wickets though I hear a horrid rumour he is a rugger player.

RICHARDSON'S CENTURY

RICHARDSON slowed up a lot after his fifty, but got his last 25 runs quickly, hitting a four to long leg off the last ball of the match to complete a very good century. A very fair draw, though, of course, the Club would win in a played out match.

Junior Division

THE RECREIO 2ND eleven had very little trouble in polishing off the University Second as they ran up 172 for 4 wickets declared, Xavier being 68 not out, and H.A. Barros 61. Both



ROBINSON, brilliant Navy custodian, effecting a high save in the Kowloon Cup football match against the South China A.A. played at Sookunpo yesterday. Hazzard, Navy centre-half, watching anxiously. South China won by 5-1.—Mee Cheung.

Interport Football

TWO NEW SELECTIONS FOR TRIP TO SHANGHAI

'Varsity Boat Race At Henley

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuters).—Cambridge has agreed to the Oxford suggestion to row this year's Boat Race at Henley on March 2 over a course of about a mile and a half.

A. J. M. Prata and M. A. Remedios got 20's.

The University must not be discouraged that they were all out for 38, as to my mind the Recreation Second side have an extremely useful bowling side—probably as good as any in the Junior Division. So far as my recollection serves me, not even in the palm days of University cricket did they put out two elevens in one day. I speak subject to correction, but I think this speaks volumes for the keen cricket spirit which exists at the University at the present time. Long may it continue.

A Surprise

I must not trespass on somebody else's ground, but I cannot help recording my great surprise at the defeat of K.C.C. second by the Craigengower 2nd eleven. I thought their batting was strong enough to draw any match, if not to win it.

Club Win

THE CIVIL SERVICE were by no means disgraced at Happy Valley although they lost to the Hongkong Club 2nd eleven. The Club had quite a good side out and would have beaten a good many teams I think, especially now that Mitchell seems to have found his form.

They declared at 148 for 8, and at one time Civil Service were not doing at all badly when K. T. Attwell (40), and F. Harper (34) came together. Unfortunately, Wright alone got into double figures besides these. The last six men only made 10 runs between them.

However, it wasn't too bad to see the old Civil Service put up a three figures score against what is by no means a bad Junior Division bowling side.

An Unnecessary Draw

I DID NOT SEE the game, but I cannot help thinking that the Army 2nd eleven held on far too long against the Police. I do not necessarily mean any actual time, because I have no information on that point, but the score of 196 is I think, rather over the odds for a team with the batting capacity of the Police, who with deference I do not put down as worth much more than 100. After Whitman and Fergus had knocked up a couple of 50's, the declaration was made at 9 wickets down. When stumps were drawn the Police had 118 for 0, both their last two men hanging on by their eyebrows with nought not out apiece. Clark (38), Loughlin (23), and Stowers (21) were the main stalwarts of the Police. Peel took 3 for 17 in three overs, and I should have said might well have been used more.

Rifle Shooting

Troublesome Wind Affects The Scores

FIFTY-NINE MEMBERS attended the Hongkong Rifle Association's Spoon and Practice shoot on the Stonecutters Range on Saturday afternoon, when conditions were against good shooting.

A gusty wind greeted marksmen at 200 yards and kept veering from the right to down the range, giving much trouble.

The high spot of the afternoon was the 84 made by C.M.S. J. Ball, of the Ordnance Corps, who used open sights. This is considered all the more creditable in view of the existing conditions.

L. Cpl. S. G. Brightly, of Royal Engineers, won the aperture sights in with a good score of 97, missing his possible at 600 yards by one point.

Aperture Sights

11'cap.	200	300	500	600	Tot.
L/Cpl. S. G. Brightly	1	32	31	34	97
Pte. G. A. Ribeiro	2	30	28	28	86
Sgt. (R) C. C. Chan	3	30	31	32	93
Sgt. (R) P. H. Thong	4	30	31	30	91
Sgt. R. J. Bress	5	32	29	33	94
Sgt. J. G. Miles	6	31	31	29	91
Sgt. (R) A. C. Chan	7	32	28	30	90
Pte. S. Bink	8	30	32	29	91
L. Langley	9	31	31	28	89
Sgt. (R) J. C. H. Ball	10	32	28	28	88
L. C. Peckham	11	32	30	25	87
L. C. Moore	12	28	31	27	86
A.S.P. (R) D. D. Loh	13	28	30	28	86
E. J. Mitchell	14	29	28	27	84

Open Sights

11'cap.	200	300	500	600	Tot.
C.M.S. J. Ball	1	30	30	31	121
Pte. G. A. Ribeiro	2	28	28	28	84
L/Cpl. A. D'Aquino	3	31	30	28	89
Cpl. V. M. Hammond	4	31	30	28	89
W. K. Gillman	5	30	28	28	86
Sgt. M. F. Rushman	6	29	27	28	84
Mae. Jas. Fletcher	7	28	28	28	84
Pte. M. Xaver	8	28	28	28	84
Sgt. R. J. Hepp	9	28	28	28	84
H. S. Jones	10	28	28	28	84
Pte. P. Scudellari	11	28	28	28	84
L/Cpl. J. E. Hawkins	12	28	28	28	84
Sgt. J. D. Remedios	13	28	28	28	84
Sgt. O. F. Leong	14	28	28	28	84
V. R. J. Merrett	15	28	28	28	84
Pte. J. C. Fonseca	16	28	28	28	84
Cpl. A. P. Ferreira	17	28	28	28	84
Pte. G. A. Noronha	18	28	28	28	84
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	19	28	28	28	84
Pte. A. Sequeira	20	28	28	28	84
Pte. A. J. Castro	21	28	28	28	84

(*) Winner of net sports. (1) Winner of handicap sports. (2) Winner of (3) and (4) spoons will have their handicaps reduced by one point.

Cycling

Best All-Round Contest Open To All

The Committee of the Hongkong Cycling Club have decided that the Best All-Round Contest which will shortly be held in the New Territories, shall be open to all cyclists. Any cyclist wishing to participate should be at the Alhambra Theatre at 8 a.m. on February 4.

The Club had an enjoyable outing on Sunday and several newcomers were present. The gathering left the Alhambra Theatre at 8.30 a.m. and after a few minor adjustments, arrived at Taiipo at 11.30 a.m. where a halt was made for tiffin.

Following tiffin, the whole circuit back to Kowloon, via Castle Peak, was completed by 5.30 p.m.

C.B.S. Forfeit Hockey Points To Recreation

Recreation Ladies have been awarded two points as a result of Central British School failing to field a team in their scheduled Caer Clark Cup fixture on Sunday.

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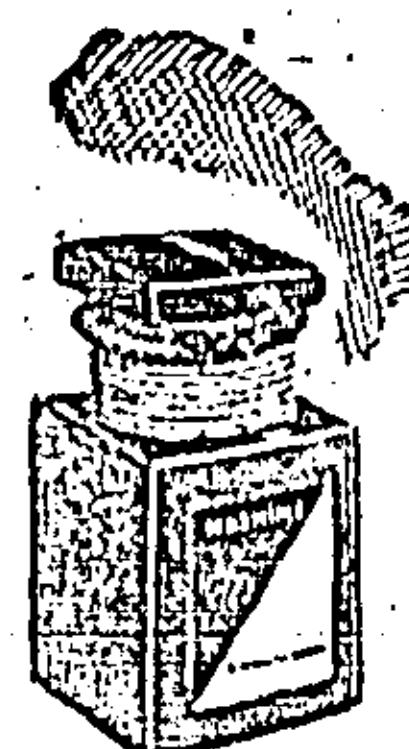
LONDON, Jan. 22.—The Football League Management Committee today decided that postponed or abandoned regional soccer matches must be replayed in full.—Reuters.

Naval Rugby XV

The following will represent Navy "A" against Club "A" at Rugby on the Club ground to-morrow, commencing at 4.45 p.m.: Mid. Roe; Tel. Bowden, Mid. Tears, Mid. O'Riordan and Sub. Lt. Skene-Reid; Lt. Carter and Sub. Lt. Skene-Reid; Lt. S. A. Palmer, Lt. (2) Brown, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow; A. B. Jeffery, Cpl. Marrow; Mid. Murray-Jones, Pay. Lt. Charles and Pay. Sub-Lt. Summer. Reserves: Moe. Jeffries, S. B. A. Addis, Mid. Chapman, Ldg. Sig. Inglis and C. Wtr. King.

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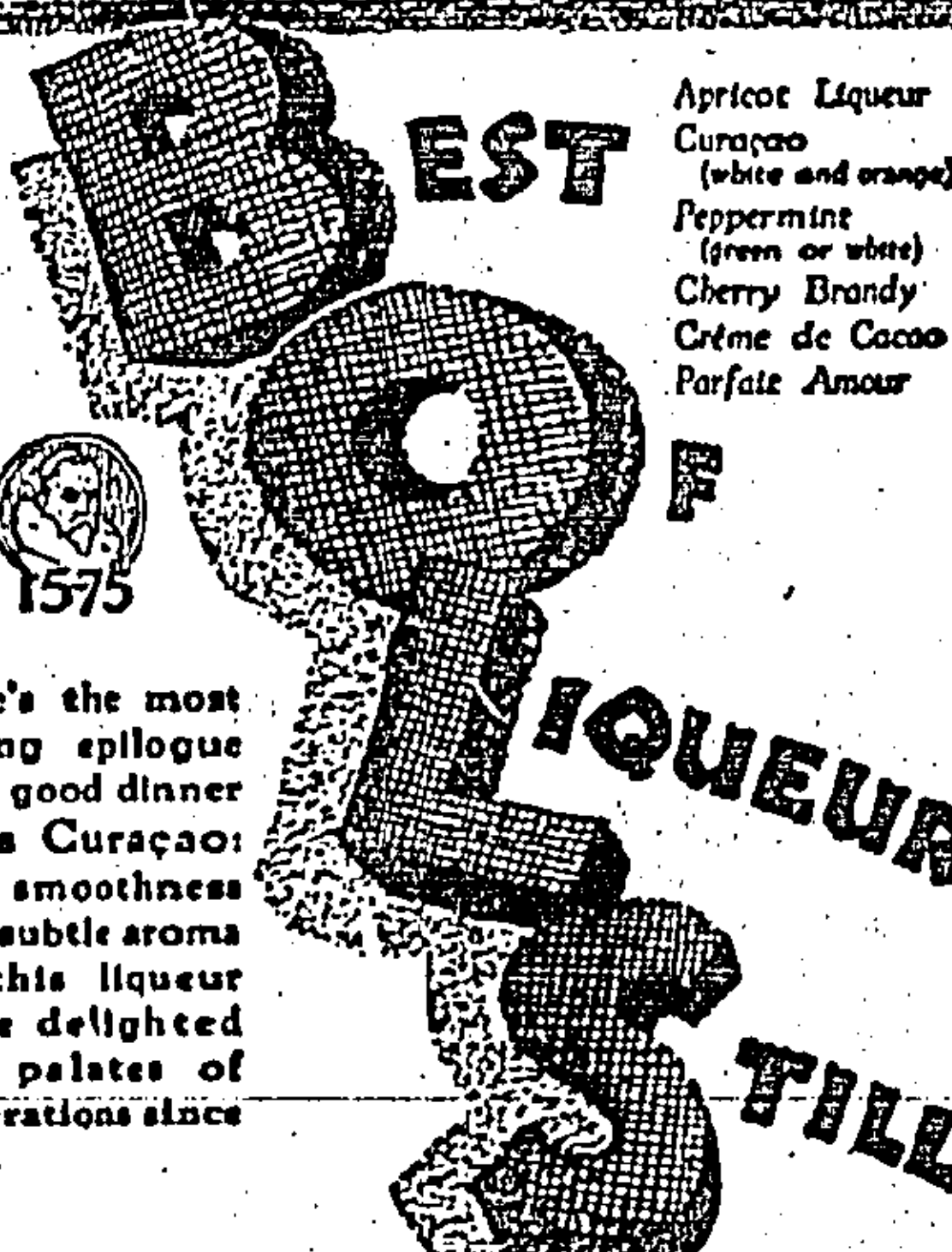
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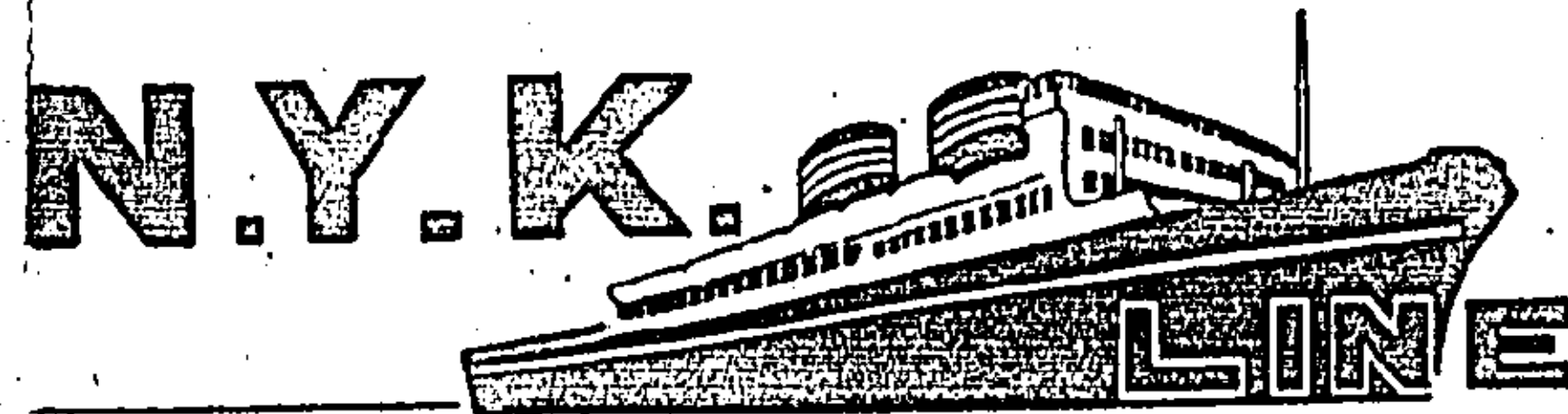
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A.R.P. FOR THE PUBS

LONDON, Nov. 16.
The Conservative Member for Evesham, Mr. de la Bere, is going to ask the Home Secretary in the House of Commons if he will sanction the hanging of a blue light outside the bars of public-houses in the black-out.

He suggests a small low-powered lamp either outside or just inside the porch of every door used by the public "in view of the difficulty experienced in both entering and leaving licensed premises."

How The Neutral Countries Are Trying To Keep Out Of The War

Our Own Correspondent
LONDON. (By Air Mail).—I am to-day a little reminded of the story of the mouse which having found that a little port wine had been spilt on the stairs, lapped it up, and then duly and properly stimulated, rushed up the staircase of the house exclaiming "Where's that d—d cat, let me get at her."

ROUMANIA

King Carol defined Rumania's foreign policy at Kishineff, capital of Roumania, formerly a Russian province, on January 7. "No enemy," he said, "will be able to set foot on Rumanian soil, so long as Rumania displays her existing spirit of unity."

"This thought should fortify our hearts. My army should, in its turn, be so fortified that no enemy will ever be able to trample what is sacredly and eternally Rumanian." Before he spoke the leaders of the Russian, Ukrainian, and German minorities had told him that their followers were loyal to the Government.

The German-minority's spokesman declared that they were ready to give their lives for the country which had become their fatherland.

King Carol expressed his gratitude for the pledges of loyalty by the leaders of the minorities and declared that, thanks to the unity of all the peoples in Rumania, the country would never be vanquished. "I do not feel," he added, "that I have come to an adopted land, but to a province that has always been Rumanian." His speech was loudly cheered by 20,000 persons who had gathered from all parts of Bessarabia. The province is chiefly inhabited by Rumanians.

HOLLAND

The Netherlands Government on January 7 issued a formal declaration that Holland would defend her integrity against any attack. It was undoubtedly intended as a final warning to Germany, where, according to reliable reports from the "French Note" are laying down the conditions under which France would be ready to take up peace negotiations.

The "Globe d'Italia" states that the peace offensive does not come from Germany either. The conditions it alleges to be outlined in the "French Note" are: Restoration of the independence of Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland; Exclusion of Hitler and other Nazi leaders from a peace conference; and Guarantees to be given by Germany against German imperialism. These conditions are described as "absurd" by the "Globe d'Italia."

JUGOSLAVIA

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, in a message issued in connection with the Orthodox Christmas reaffirmed the policy of neutrality and pledged Yugoslavia's support in the removal of all differences between neighbouring countries in the Balkans.

DENMARK

"More instruction in neutrality" is the sarcastic heading of an article in which the Copenhagen "National Tidende" answers Germany. "From our whole heart we wish Finland the most effective assistance," it writes. "What others want or do not want is their own affair, but we will not be driven further in one direction or another than we deem right and possible for ourselves."

The editorial is in reply to Germany's "spring press offensive" against the smaller neutrals. The German line of attack is that the smaller Powers, by remaining members of the League are co-operating in the Anglo-French "encirclement" policy.

HUNGARY

The meeting between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers, on January 7, resulted in a "perfect identity of views between the two Governments on all problems."

The problem dealt with Hungary's claims on Transylvania, formerly a Hungarian province and now under Rumanian rule.

Italy, which has assumed the role of Balkans "Big Brother," wants no internal friction in that area in order to present a united front to Russia. The result is Rumania need anticipate no trouble on her Hungarian flank, or even from Bulgaria, so long as there is any danger of Russia attempting to push southwards.

So Rumania which in peace time looked suspiciously on all her neighbours, find that conflicts elsewhere in Europe have greatly simplified her immediate problems.

SWITZERLAND

Renewed German Press attacks on the neutrals have shown Switzerland that it would be fatal to regard the present lull as lasting. There are, on the contrary, indications that Germany will launch in the near future diplomatic attacks on all neutral neighbours, not excluding Switzerland.

Any attempts of German pressure, however, will not find Switzerland unprepared. With about 200,000 men permanently under arms, General Guisan, Commander-in-Chief of the Swiss Army, has not wasted time since the outbreak of war, to-day the strong artificial defences against any invasion have been extended to second and third lines which reach far into the country's interior.

KAISER 'KEEPING IN BACKGROUND'

Junior Constitutional Club Welcomes Overseas Troops

The Junior Constitutional Club has offered honorary membership to officers of the Expeditionary Forces of Australia, Canada and India for the period of the war.

Wife writes to Welsh vicar

Aberdare.
Glowing with pride, the Rev. J. L. C. Thomas, eighty-year-old vicar of Aberpergwm, took from his littered desk to-night a bundle of letters bearing the crest of the ex-Kaiser.

Unfolding a piece of blue tape, he showed me one from the Princess Hermine, the ex-Kaiser's wife, which the village postman had brought to his lonely, mountainside home after it had been delayed by the censors. The letter, dated Doorn, October 17, 1939, said:

"Dear Mr. Thomas. — Many thanks for your kind words of sympathy on the death of the field of battle of our beloved grandson, Prince Oscar of Prussia, which we both deeply appreciate."

"Your letter was opened by the censor. — May there come an end to this horrible war, but more is coming over the world, I fear. — With kind regards, yours sincerely, — Hermine."

Mr. Thomas told of his long friendship with the ex-Kaiser. "I met him first forty-five years ago, when he went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land," he said. "He came to me at an Anglican church there."

"I did not renew our acquaintance until he went into exile at Doorn. Then I wrote reminding him of our meeting, and I received an invitation to visit him."

"My visit started a close friendship, and I have been his guest on three subsequent occasions. The last time, a few months ago, I flew to Doorn and spent several days there."

"I have had dozens of letters from various members of his family, besides photographs and other mementoes."

"Just before war broke out I heard from the Princess Hermine. She said, 'The emperor is well, keeping in the background, as he did since November 1918—since twenty-one years in Holland.'"

"She dreaded war, and a paragraph in this letter said, 'May the worst be not happening. May there not out of this be born another world war.'"

BRITISH FORCE IN THE MAGNOT LINE

Facts The Enemy Is Trying To Learn

By E. A. MONTAGUE
Reports which have appeared in various British and French papers to the effect that men of the British force in the Magnot Line have been in action are greatly exaggerated. It is still the fact that the British troops and the Germans opposite them have confined themselves to patrols, which have not far come to close quarters with each other, and to a certain amount of artillery fire.

The width of the no-man's-land between them, measured from outposts to outposts, is something like half a mile or more, and the distance from the Magnot Line to the corresponding line on the German side is much greater.

The British force is astride the Magnot Line, part of it holding the line itself and part the outposts, while a third part is in reserve behind the line. The Germans in the sector are active in patrolling, no doubt because they still do not know the exact size, composition, and location of the British force. If they could actually see even the heads of the troops opposed to them their task of identification would not be difficult, for the British steel helmet is of a pattern easily distinguishable from that of the French.

Champagne Tribute

There is no doubt that the arrival of British troops in the Magnot Line has had a happy effect on inter-Allied sentiment. I saw a perhaps trivial instance of it last night. At the restaurant where I dined the waiters served a glass of champagne to every guest. When we inquired, we were told that a French officer had ordered champagne for every British officer in the place. We had some difficulty in finding out who the public benefactor was. When we eventually located him he turned out to be not a young man in his cups but a sober, senior officer of the French Air Force wearing the ribbon of a high class of the Legion of Honour, who bowed with grave courtesy when we raised our glasses to him.

The incident was pleasant and a little surprising after three months of war, during which the British and French have come to accept each other with friendliness, but without demonstration.

War Report

The French war communiqué issued yesterday morning reads: "Patrol activity on the whole of the central part of the front from the Moselle to the Rhine."

INKY PINKY PARLEZ VOUS

B.E.F. ADOPTS FRENCH SONGS

By Richard McMillan

("United Press" War Correspondent)

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE WITH THE B.E.F. — R.A.F. officers have adopted French songs to sing in mess or to hum to themselves as they zoom through the skies to meet the enemy.

Daily co-operation with the French army of the air has enabled the R.A.F. to pick up the tunes quickly as well as expertly, and when the remark is made "Let's have a song" when a group of pilots and observers are the company bursts into valuable French with gesticulations to match.

"Madelon" is popular, but the real favourite which the R.A.F. love, is a French artillery song, "Selima, ne Jolie" which has a fine swing. It tells a story of how a singer will love "toute sa vie," and then in a cadence something like Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-aye.

"Drink The Wine"

"My companions of the Round Table," sung in the original French, is another popular number. It starts off with the invitation to drink the wine to see if it is good and proceeds to describe the best position for drinking: the feet against the wall and the head under the "rabbet" of the wine barrel.

We Know This One

Then there is the song in English obviously written by an unknown of the Royal Air Force. "A young aviator lay dying And as he lay his wreckage he lay To the airman who around him were sighing These last parting words did he say: 'Take the cylinder out of my kid-ney.'"

The connecting rod out of my brain From the small of my neck take the crankshaft And assemble the engine again Get me six whiskeys and sodas And set them up in a row Get me six jolly good fellows And drink to the bustled P.O. The last lines tell the moral of the story. They run: They buried him deep in the grave-yard In six feet of earth did he lie And remember if you don't want to follow him It's only bats and B.F.'s that fly.

This song is becoming popular with the French pilots and when the two air forces get together one evening it is a common experience to find a young British officer threatening to teach his Gallic comrade the words and tune of the ballad of the skies. Toasts in French are eagerly learned and used in the R.A.F. mess. French cavalry officers have taught the officer one toast which will not bear repeating in salons at home when the lads get their first leave.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Neighbouring political moves may partly account for the fact that today the market has relaxed into a somewhat state, interest in the market has been on a distinctly small scale.

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Yuanmali Ferries \$24 1/4
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Crowded Steamer Sinks On Yangtse

Chungking, Jan. 22.
More than 100 people were drowned yesterday when two steamers collided on the Yangtse just below Chungking. According to a semi-official report the number of deaths has reached 200, of which 30 are girl students.

The vessels involved were the Chien Hsin, of the Minshin Company, and the Yilung. The Chien Hsin cut right through the Yilung, which sank in three minutes.

So far only 60 passengers have been rescued.—Reuter.

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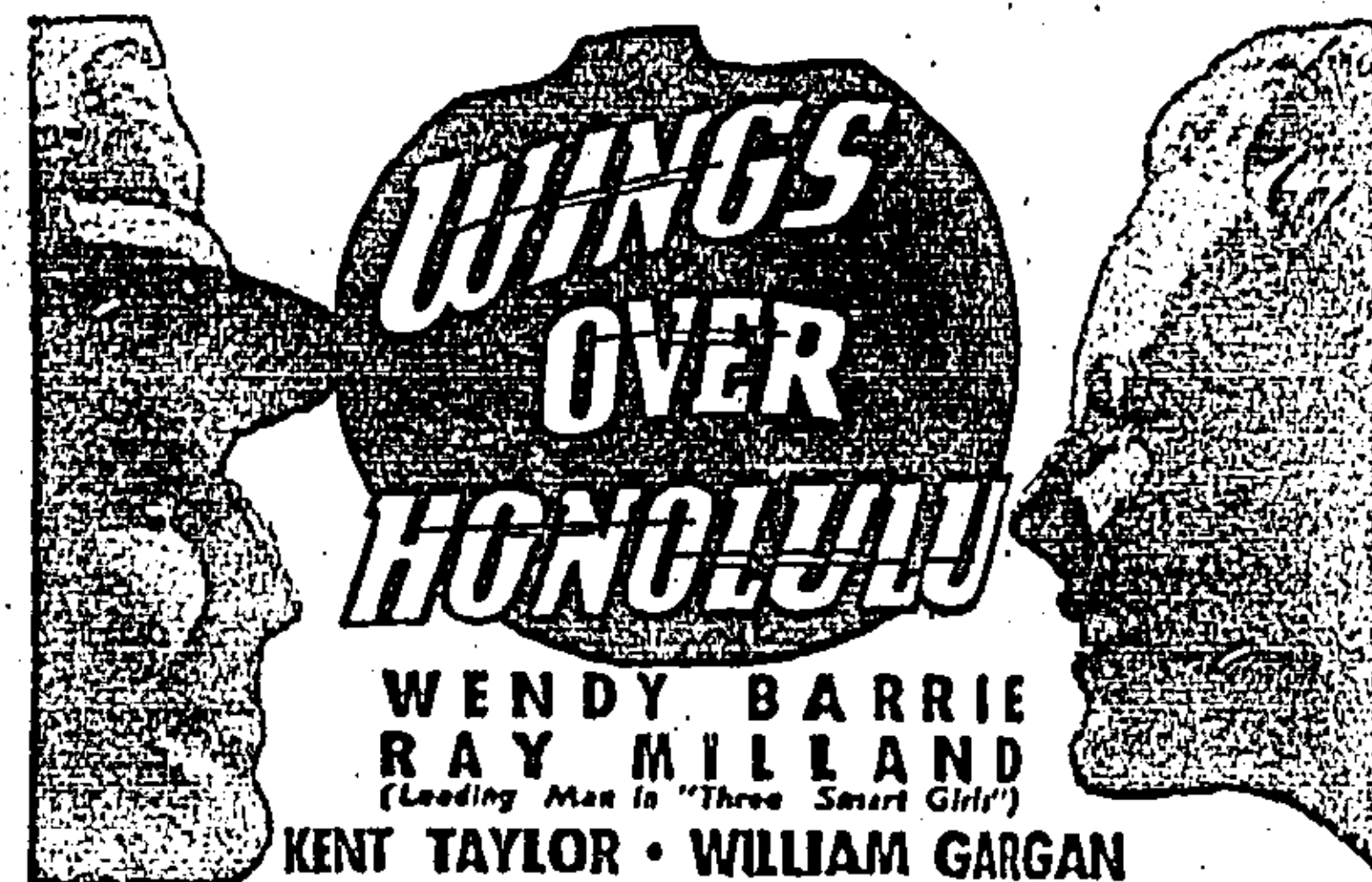
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Divorce Judge's New Ruling

Six Months Not Test of Morals

WITHIN six months of receiving her decree nisi, Mrs. Elsie Reeves, of Bonnersfield-lane, Harrow, Middlesex, committed misconduct. She admitted it when the King's Proctor intervened in the Divorce Court.

But Mr. Justice Bucknill ordered that the decree should stand.

"The waiting period of six months between the granting of a decree nisi and the making of the absolute," he said, "is in no way intended as a test of the morality of a petitioner."

For Inquiry

"The object of the six months is to enable the King's Proctor to make inquiry as to the bona fides of the case."

Mrs. Reeves, he said, married in 1928 when she was aged about 21. In 1935 her husband left her to live with another woman.

There was no hope of a reconciliation. She came into court as an innocent person and had kept nothing back from the court.

On the other hand, she had committed misconduct with a man named Frederick Harden-Jones during the interval between the decree nisi and the decree absolute.

Tricked By Him

"I think," Mr. Justice Bucknill continued, "that in some ways Mrs. Reeves was tricked by Mr. Harden-Jones, who was a good deal older."

"He posed as a widower when, in fact, he was married and cohabited with another woman, and he induced her to marry him by promising marriage when she got her decree absolute."

She was living entirely on an allowance from her husband. She would not be blamed for looking to the future and the possibility of marrying again.

Mrs. Reeves was ordered to pay the cost of the King's Proctor's intervention.

HE IS MOST WORRIED MAN

WILLI FRUSCHAUER

THE most harassed man in Germany, after Hitler, is Dr. Dornmueller, Nazi Minister of Transport.

News about the recent rail disaster near Berlin must have reached him just after he returned from one of the many conferences devoted to Germany's insoluble transport problem.

Dornmueller was called to the Ruhr district by Dr. Schaefer, the local railway chief, who was unable to cope with the catastrophic position there.

Schaefer cannot supply the Ruhr industry with the rolling stock it requires.

The condition of the existing track and stock is rapidly deteriorating. Schaefer drew the attention of the Minister to the shocking increase in accidents among his staff.

Germany is forced to beg rolling stock from neutral countries. Hitler wants Rumania, for instance, to send her exports in her own wagons.

Other neighbours of Germany, including Switzerland, find it impossible to relieve their rolling stock within the agreed period.

Jugoslavia's railway administration discovered recently that Jugoslav

wagons were being used by Germany to transport men and material to the Western Front.

Meantime Nazi leaders are hailing the opening of new waterways inside Germany.

Hess declared the new Hitler canal open the other day.

Plans for half-a-dozen other canals are being discussed in the German Press.

But the Danube, on which the Nazis fixed their hopes for imports from South Eastern Europe, is slowly freezing.

So are the unhappy Germans brought "home" from the Baltic States, to 300 of whom Goebbels gave a Christmas party.

Most of them were unable to take enough clothing with them when they were rushed from their old homes.

Collections of clothes for these "homecoming Balts" are being arranged. In the streets of Berlin men were seen to take off their overcoats and women their furs to contribute.

But they did so in such an ostentatious manner that it was universally regarded as a demonstration against Hitler, who has reduced the unhappy Balts to their present distress.

SUBMARINE THREAT LESSENER

Nazis Are Short Of Trained Men

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wireless).—Little credence is given by those who make a close study of ship-building matters of the Nazi claim that submarines will be produced this year at a rate of one each day. They will be surprised if more than 60 are put into service in the current year.

Apart from the heavy call on material resources which this would entail, the provision of nearly 3,000 trained and skilled officers and men is likely to present an even more serious problem.

Long Experience Needed

Informed commentators remark that from six to nine years experience on active service at sea is needed to build up competent men for Commanding Officers and senior petty officers. The supply of petty officers seriously diminished owing to U-boat losses in the war, and it is estimated that over 1,000 who started training in submarines five years ago have, since the war began, gone down with their ships.

In the last war, Germany had built up a large personnel when, after thirty months of war, her big effort was made with the commissioning of 87 new boats in 1917.

It is recognised that there is a sharp difference in the technique between the British and German practice owing to the fact that U-boats are not primarily fighting ships, and that attacks on merchantmen call for a lower degree of accuracy in handling the vessel on the part of the Commanding Officer. A shortage of trained men as First Lieutenant and petty officers upon whom a great deal of technical responsibility rests is, however, likely to be felt in the course of the next few months.

The British Method

In the British Navy, no volunteer for submarines is transferred into ratings as Able Seaman until the age of 21. Then after some six years' experience, he may qualify as Petty Officer Coxswain in one of the smaller types, and after a further three years experience, he becomes due for advancement to Chief Petty Officer and may take up duty as the most responsible hand in one of the large types.

Regular service in a submarine is not undertaken by a young Lieutenant until he has done eight months' training, partly at depot and partly as a speerhand in a fully commissioned boat. Then he does, three years as Third Officer, followed by four years as First Lieutenant before being entrusted with a command at about the age of 26.

Petrol Rationing In N. Zealand

WELLINGTON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Petrol rationing is to be re-introduced in New Zealand. It was suspended during the December and January for the benefit of holiday-makers.

Reich Minorities In Other Countries

Statistics on the German-speaking population of non-German European countries vary greatly. The following estimates are from established sources:

Rumania, 850,000 to 900,000.
Yugoslavia, 500,000.
Hungary, 250,000 to 500,000.
Latvia, 60,000 to 70,000.
Lithuania, 40,000 to 50,000.
Estonia, 15,000 to 20,000.
Tirol, 250,000.
Russian-occupied Poland, 70,000 to 100,000.
Luxembourg and Liechtenstein, 300,000.
Italy, 250,000.

"Hitler Will Attack Next Spring"

Air Vice-Marshal T. L. Lighthall said recently at Nottingham that as soon as the winter was passed he expected Hitler to attack this country with very large numbers of aeroplanes.

"When the time comes," he said, "we have the machines and the pilots to inflict such casualties that the Germans will not keep it up."

Meanwhile he warned people not to get lulled into a sense of false security. "That," he said, "is just what Hitler would like."

Seat For Board Of Trade President

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wireless).—City of London Conservatives have decided to invite Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, to meet them with a view to his being accepted as a candidate for Parliament and his unopposed return as member to replace Sir Alan Anderson, who is willing to retire as anticipated.

LATE NEWS

PROTEST MAY BE REJECTED

LONDON, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is reported that the British authorities warned Japan several days before the British cruiser halted the Asama Maru.

Great Britain has pointed out the recent incidents establish a precedence and recall that on September 24 a German warship removed 11 British fishermen from the steamer Kronprinzessin Margarete, among other cases. Britain also cites a case in which German warships forcibly took Polish citizens from neutral vessels.

It is expected that the Japanese protest regarding the incident will be rejected.

FOOD IN PLENTY

New Statement On The Home Front

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wireless).—With war in its fifth month and rationing in its third week, a survey of the food supplies and prices shows that many foods are as cheap and plentiful as before the war and some prices are actually lower.

Butter is rationed and meat supplies are restricted, but of eggs there are unlimited supplies at unchanged prices, whereas Germans have one egg weekly.

More Margarine Eaten

Consumption of margarine has gone up because of the rationing of butter, but there is no shortage, and the price, 5d. to 6d. per pound, have not advanced.

Game is as cheap or cheaper than ever and is not rationed. A hare weighing 7 lbs. at 42d. is actually 5d. to a shilling cheaper than before the war.

Although the more delicate fish are generally dear and scarce, herrings are 2d. per pound cheaper than before.

Dried fruits are in ample supply since a trade agreement was signed with Turkey, and the controlled prices are to be reduced.

At Pre-War Prices

There is no shortage or increase in the price of coffee and cocoa, and the pre-war prices of tea have been maintained, and there is no difficulty in obtaining supplies. Unlimited supplies of biscuits are available without price increases.

Government now has a surplus of bacon and ham. Prices have slightly advanced.

SHARP RISE IN GOVT. STOCKS

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wireless).—Following a big accumulation of buying orders over the week-end, a sharp rise has occurred in all British Government stocks on the London Stock Exchange. They were led by the three and half per cent. war loan which, after opening at 97½ rose to 98½.

The industrial market responded to the gilt-edged rise, although business was of a small scale.

TAJIMA MARU REFLOATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 22 (Dome).—The London office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has received a message that the steamer Tajima Maru, which ran aground near Shide off Anjow on Friday morning, succeeded in refloating at noon today.

The message says that the ship reached Antwerp and will continue on to Rotterdam.

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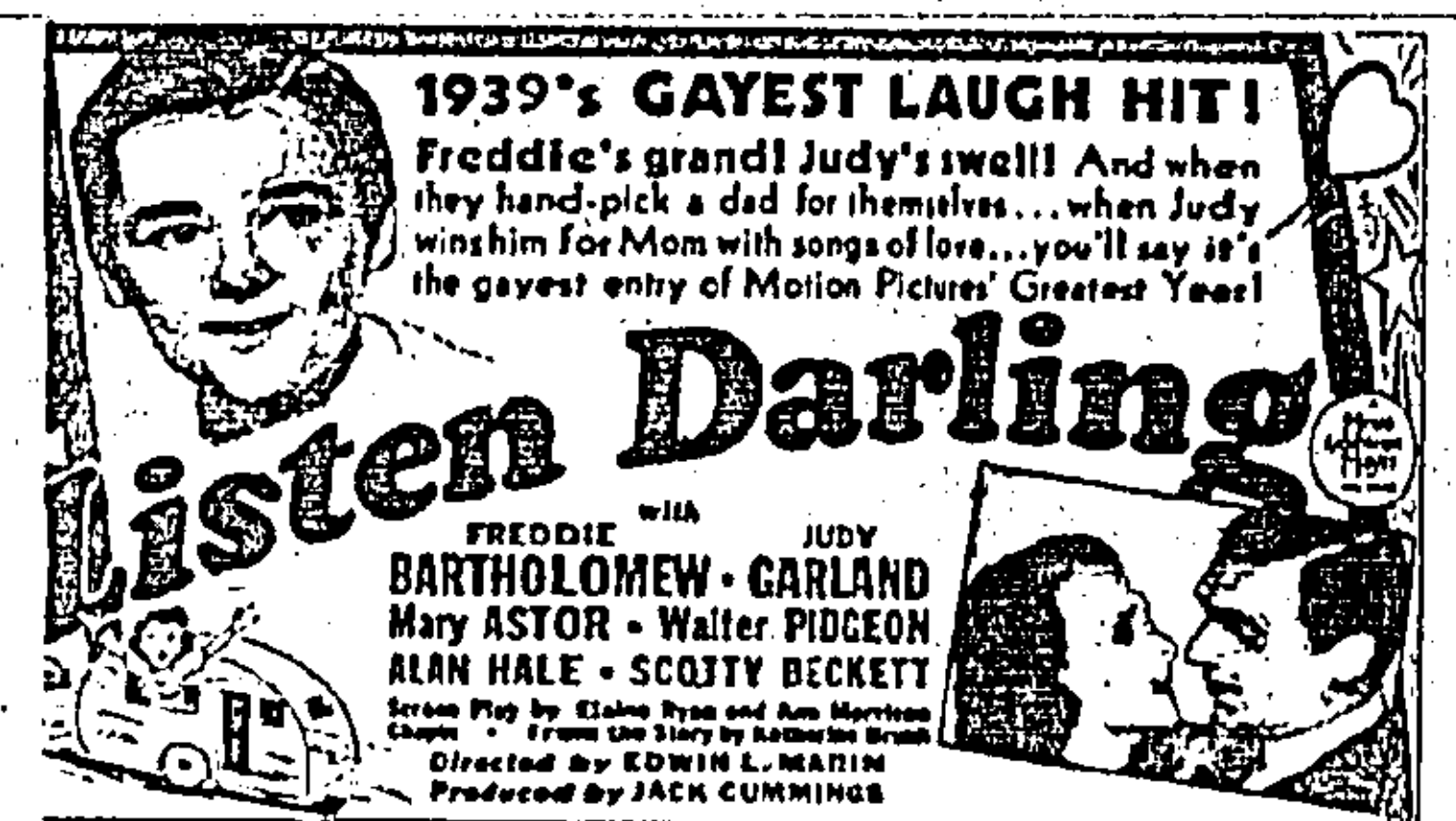
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Armed Guards For I.R.A. Murderers

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Exceptional precautions were taken when the I.R.A. appeals against the death sentences for the Coventry bomb outrage were heard at the Old Bailey to-day.

There have rarely been such measures in the history of the Law Courts. A strong police cordon was thrown round the building, all entrances were watched, and the courtyards were patrolled.

Two hundred police were on duty in every part of the building and a special guard was provided for the prisoners. Five warders armed with revolvers were with them in the dock.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

U.S. Tobacco A Burning Question

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, visited Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, to-day to discuss particularly the situation created by the suspension of United States tobacco imports into Britain.

Mr. Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, together with other Government officials and private individuals, are urging the State Department to protest against Britain's policy of not authorising an allotment of exchange for purchase of United States tobacco.

It is understood that Mr. Cordell Hull has requested or will request the British Government to continue to fill at least part of its tobacco requirements on the United States market.

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Wang Ching-wei Puts His Foot Into It

PRESTIGE AMONG FRIENDS & FOES AT ITS LOWEST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23 (UP).—The advice given to the Chinese by Wang Ching-wei's "Central Daily News" to accept humiliation at the hands of the Japanese has surprised neutral observers, who express the opinion that publication of the peace terms in Hongkong has caught dissentient members of the Kuomintang in Shanghai off their guard, leading the Wang Ching-wei clique to make an over-hasty effort to explain their position.

Neutral observers also express the opinion that Wang Ching-wei's propaganda machine on the eve of the Tsingtao conference, has bungled the handling of the Tao Kao terms in first admitting that they represent Japan's original demands without first clarifying to what extent they have been accepted by Wang Ching-wei.

The second mistake has been to advise Chinese to accept humiliation rather than defeat, which Wang Ching-wei claims is inevitable if resistance is continued.

Thirdly, a serious error has been made in admitting that Wang Ching-wei's terms are though less drastic than the Tao Kao terms—"mean losses" for China.

This latter admission, as far as Chinese public opinion is concerned, will probably lead to the belief that Wang Ching-wei has accepted the majority of the Japanese demands which the Tao Kao terms admittedly represented.

Indemnity Promise Believed
Opinion is widespread that Wang Ching-wei agreed to a "large" indemnity payment to Japan. This belief is based on the evasive manner in which the local Japanese Embassy spokesman said that although the Kono statement promised that Japan would not demand indemnities, at the same time international law was "very broad in defining indemnity."

It is noteworthy that the spokesman differentiated between indemnity as a prize for a victorious nation and indemnity for individual losses.

Observers have come to the conclusion that Japan demanded no indemnity as a prize for victory, but indemnities for losses which individual Japanese have suffered. This obviously would run into a huge sum when it is considered the extent to which Japanese property in China has been damaged and destroyed as a result of the war, particularly in Tsingtao where the Japanese mills have been demolished.

Prestige At Now Low

Neutral observers are of the opinion that Wang Ching-wei's prestige both among the Chinese and Japanese has dropped to a new low mark coincident with the opening of the Tsingtao conference.

It is recalled that during Wang Ching-wei's peace negotiations with the Japanese, he was in London.

OCEAN FIRE TRAGEDY: MANY STILL MISSING

MARSEILLES, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—With 599 survivors of the ill-fated Italian liner, Orazio, accounted for, over 100 are still missing, including 84 members of the crew.

Italian authorities have ordered 12 military planes to search for the missing people.

It is still hoped that they may have been picked up by the French ships known to have been near the scene of the disaster.

A total of 48 were landed at Marseilles from a French auxiliary cruiser. It is stated that more are expected during the day.

The first arrivals tell of a sudden explosion which caused the fire. The fire got out of control owing to the strong wind.

Most of the survivors were taken off Italian ships, including the Conte Biancamano which was on her way to Genoa from Hongkong and Colombo.

Only two of the Orazio's life-boats were launched. It is believed that the first arrivals tell of a sudden

M. LITVINOFF "LIQUIDATED"

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 23, (Reuter).—According to a reliable report from Oslo, M. Max Litvinoff, the former Soviet Foreign Commissar, has been liquidated by the Soviet Government.

Moscow authorities, says the report, considered that he was friendly to the western powers and therefore dangerous to Soviet Russia.

SHANGHAI SHOOTING

Prominent Chinese Is Wounded

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Jan. 23, (UP).—Two Chinese gunmen fired on the former commander of the Asiatic Petroleum Company at Hankow, Mr. Du Kwang-sen, at 7 o'clock this morning while the latter was walking in the French Concession.

Mr. Du was wounded in the right foot and arm and escaped by running down the street. The gunmen escaped in an automobile.

A taxi picked up four Chinese at a lodging house in the Concession prior to the shooting after which it drove to an extra-attentive road where the Chinese overcame the chauffeur, and took off his uniform.

Two men remained to guard the chauffeur while two others drove off. It is believed to be the car used by the gunman. The car was found on an extra-attentive road later.

Du Kwang-sen's brother is the highest Chinese employee of the French Tramway Company. The present conflict over the Tramway's labour union is believed to be responsible for Du Kwang-sen being mistaken for his brother.

KING AND QUEEN AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace to-day after spending the week-end at Windsor.

HELSINGFORS, JAN. 23 (REUTER).—BEHIND A SCREEN OF ARTILLERY FIRE SO FIERCE THAT NEUTRAL OBSERVERS DESCRIBE IT AS AN "IRON CURTAIN," THE RED ARMY IS LAUNCHING ATTACK AFTER ATTACK ON THE MANNERHEIM LINE.

THE SOVIET DRIVE IS BEING MADE WITH TERRIFIC FORCE AND JUST AS SOON AS ONE ATTACK IS BEATEN OFF, ANOTHER IS MADE DESPITE HEAVY LOSSES.

RUSSIANS ATTACK IN WAVES

Finnish defences on the southern shore of Lake Ladoga are taking a terrific battering, but the hard-pressed defenders on the left wing have repulsed several waves of the Russian attack.

The Red artillery fires at a rate of three or four shells a second, or 180 to 240 a minute. Observers compare the fire with the heaviest barrage of the Great War and add that the Finnish fortifications are standing up well to the rain of shells.

ENORMOUS CASUALTIES

On the north shore of Lake Ladoga, the Finns are also repulsing the Russian attacks. Over 1,000 Reds are said to have been killed in the five assaults on the fortified lines.

REDS SEE ALLIED MENACE

G.H.Q. On Threat To Balkans

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—"Impressive Allied troop concentrations" in Egypt, Palestine and Syria formed the subject of an article in the General Staff organ, "Red Star," which says that such a concentration should not be underestimated in putting pressure on the potential enemies of the Anglo-French bloc in the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

These forces under General Maxime Weygand (of France) and Lieut. General Sir Archibald Wavell (of Britain) are in fact an expeditionary corps threatening Germany's southern flank.

"This Balkan front does not yet exist, but its formation evidently forms part of Anglo-French plans."

"The Anglo-French war preparations in the Near East, with parallel diplomatic preparations, lead us to think that we are not faced there by a mere diversion, but by far-reaching strategic plans."

Won't State Charges

Japanese Detention Of U.S. Newsman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23, (Reuter).—The Japanese Police in Tokyo so far refused to announce the charges on which Mr. James Russell Young, the Far East representative of "International News Service," and former manager of the "Japan Advertiser," is being detained.

Mr. Joseph Grew, the American Ambassador to Japan, has advised Mr. Cordell Hall to this effect.

Mr. Young, who has just returned to Tokyo from a tour of Western China, was taken into custody on Sunday.

The Japanese Police have also refused to give any indications as to when he may be released, reports Mr. Grew, who adds that the American Embassy has indicated its interest and will follow the matter very closely.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Albert Gilbert Quark, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Quark, and Miss Marie Spencer, eldest daughter of the late Mr. A. N. Spencer and Mrs. Spencer.

U-boats pay the penalty

FOR every three British merchant ships sunk Germany loses ONE U-boat.

For every three neutral ships sunk Germany loses TWO U-boats.

IN THE LAST WAR

For every thirty merchant ships sunk Germany lost

only ONE U-boat.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Russians have lost about 600 men and several tanks.

On the Salla sector, the Russians are withdrawing large supplies of materials hinting at a further retreat of their troops here.

Seventeen Red planes yesterday bombed the vital railway line to Sweden, over which Finland obtains most of her supplies.

Over 6,000 Bombs In A Week

The A.R.P. Commander in Helsinki yesterday stated that the Red planes dropped 6,000 bombs in a week on non-fighting areas. Even small villages and farms were attacked.

The total casualties were only 18 killed and 100 wounded which is attributed to the shelters provided for the population, who are now well-drilled in A.R.P.

An average of 450 Red planes fly over Finland every day. It is estimated that it costs the Russians two bombers to kill a civilian.

The Russians are obviously trying to break the morale of the population by ruthless murder from the skies.

New Air Tactics

BERNE, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Neutral Press reports from Finland state that the Russian air tactics have shown a marked improvement in the last few days.

Swiss military observers suggest that Nazi airmen are being employed in the Red air force.

Finnish Casualties

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The first authoritative estimate of Finnish casualties was issued here yesterday.

The Finnish casualties are placed at 9,500 in the whole campaign to date, of whom 2,500 were killed.

The Soviet casualties are estimated at 180,000 killed, wounded, frozen to death, ill and deserted.

MORE PLANES FOR BRITAIN

OTTAWA, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that over 4,000 aircraft are ordered in connection with the Empire Air Training Scheme.

Seven new schools are being established in various parts of the country as well as three large wireless schools, each accommodating 1,000 students.

Nazis Confiscate Polish Property

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Jan. 23 (UP).—Vice-Chancellor Goering to-day issued a decree for the confiscation of the entire property of the former Polish State in the occupied areas of Poland for the purpose of safeguarding it.

DIAMOND FIT FOR A CROWN

Jewels Worth Fortune On Sale Here

A DIAMOND fit for a crown is for sale in Hongkong.

You can buy it for \$65,000.

It is part of a collection, formerly owned by a wealthy Chinese, which is now on sale at Messrs. J. Ullmann and Co., Chater Road.

The collection includes what are probably the best diamonds ever seen in Hongkong.

They are worth a fortune. The collection consists of a 62 carat diamond, the size of a walnut, and worth \$65,000; a flawless 23 1/2 carat diamond valued at \$30,000 and a necklace of 65 diamonds, set in platinum, priced at \$100,000.

The large diamond has been made for setting in a crown, whilst the smaller one has been set into a platinum ring.

No other diamond equal to the large crown diamond has ever been seen in Hongkong.

Larger Than Hope Diamond

This diamond is even larger at 62 carats than many of the famous Indian diamonds known all over the world.

The beautiful but sinister blue Hope diamond—big as a pigeon's egg and flashing with blue-violet lights—only weighs 44 1/2 carats. The owner of the Hope diamond, Mr. Evelyn McLean, has declined an offer of \$250,000 for it.

This diamond is believed to have been stolen from a Hindu temple and to carry the curse of misfortune or violent death.

Among its previous owners are: Marie Antoinette, who died on the guillotine; her friend the Princess Lamballe, who borrowed it and was torn to pieces by the Paris mob; Prince Kantovski, a Russian, who

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27 RAWALPINDI MEN INTERNED IN GERMANY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 22 (UP).—The Admiralty officially announces that eight are known dead and 73 are missing, presumed dead, as a result of the loss of H.M.S. Grenville.

No officers were among the casualties.

Simultaneously, the Admiralty has issued the names of two officers and 25 ratings who were aboard H.M.S. Rawalpindi in the former P. & O. liner's gallant action with the pocket battleship Deutschland, and who are now prisoners in Germany.

The twenty-seven men were picked up by the Deutschland after the Rawalpindi sank with her colours flying.

The two officers are Temporary Lieut. Commander B. J. Dyer and Midshipman D. Dugdale.

Anti-British Agitation By Japanese

Fantastic Reprisals Urged By Political Movements

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Domei).—A remarkable anti-British wave has been stirred up in Japan as a result of the Asama Maru incident.

Fantastic measures are being urged upon the Government by various political bodies.

A meeting of the "National League for Construction of East Asia," attended by Admiral Suetetsugu, Major General Hashimoto and other well-known leaders, had decided to launch a new anti-British movement throughout Japan.

A statement issued by the meeting demands—that the "Japanese Government take resolute measures in order to enhance Japan's national prestige and honour before the world."

Stop British Ships
The Government is urged to invoke the right of belligerency and institute searches of British ships on the high seas off China.

Another political movement, the Tohokai Party, has presented a resolution to the Premier, Admiral Yonai, claiming that the sinking of a British armed party aboard the Asama Maru was "the greatest insult to the Empire of Japan."

The national spirit of the Japanese people cannot tolerate this insult, the resolution declares.

The resolution urges the Government to invoke belligerent rights and blockade the entire Japanese and Chinese coasts to ships of third Powers friendly to the Chungking Government. This blockade, the resolution demands, should apply particularly to British ships.

The resolution concludes by urging the Government to take first steps "for the purpose of enhancing the prestige and honour of the Japanese nation before the world."

A final comical touch is added. The resolution adds that the Government should punish Captain Watanabe, the Commander of the Asama Maru!

No Retaliation Yet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The "Kokumin Shinbun" to-day declares that the stoppage of the Asama Maru evidenced British and American cooperation in bringing pressure on Japan.

Judging from the fact that a British cruiser was in possession of a well prepared list, it is clear that there is a political link between the United States and Great Britain. In other words, on the eve of the enforcement of the abrogation of the commercial treaty, the United States and Britain have sounded Japan's reactions. It is a clear case that if Japan adopted a weak attitude, the United States and Great Britain would resort to a stronger policy—arrogant and cunning in intention.

Retaliation is felt unlikely at the present though the nationalist group is urging it. An anti-British meeting is scheduled for Friday under the leadership of Admiral Suetetsugu and Captain Kinoro Hashimoto, who was responsible for the attack on the H.M.S. Ladybird. Popular feeling is high against the stoppage of the

Asama Maru and similar feelings in official circles might force the government to resort to the most severe retaliations.

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THREAT TO PHILIPPINES

Envisaged If Embargo Is Applied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (UP).

Senator Key Pittman has received a letter from the World Peaceways warning that Japan will seek raw materials in Latin America if an embargo is applied.

The letter says: "The net results will find Japan still obtaining a supply of goods for their industries." The letter warned that "our objectives in China would be ignored."

The letter also urged the possibility that the Japanese Navy would move on the Philippines if the embargo is applied to shipments of Philippine ore to Japan.

LATEST

Infantile Paralysis Victim Aboard Hongkong Steamer

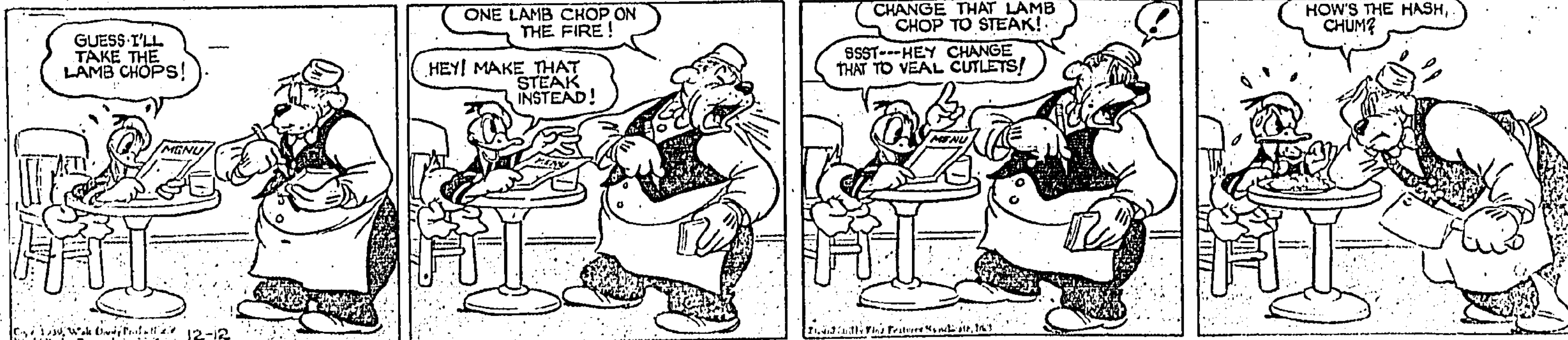
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MANILA, Jan. 23 (UP).—When the Hongkong steamer "Kalgan" arrived in Manila harbour yesterday, the health authorities discovered that a 11-year-old Chinese boy aboard, named Tan Yuen, was suffering from infantile paralysis.

As soon as this had been discovered by quarantine officials, the health authorities ordered Tan Yuen to be put into isolation and to be given treatment.

Two Filipino children are also in hospital here suffering from the same disease.

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DONALD DUCK



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MURDER IN AEROPLANE

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KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED in mid-air by a mad pilot—this is believed to be the fate of an ace American aviator. A young man arrived at Brookfield flying field and asked Carl Bivens, flying instructor, for a lesson.

"O.K. I'll give you twenty minutes," Bivens said. For thirty minutes the plane circled the district, then disappeared eastward. Later reports reached Brookfield that a yellow plane had been seen stunting.

Police believe this was caused through a struggle between Bivens and his kidnapper.

To-night Brookfield Police Chief Cassidy said: "From the descriptions of Bivens's so-called pupil, we've little doubt that he's the same man who last summer tried to kidnap a girl in a plane."

Confirmation of this theory came from Farmer Gilbert Stratt, who lives in a lonely district 190 miles from Brookfield. A plane landed in one of his fields. There was one occupant, a young man who had a pistol and wore overalls bearing dark brown stains.

The man begged Farmer Stratt to sell him petrol, paying him a big sum for a supply.

Then, in gratitude, he took Stratt for a short flight.

Stratt noticed that the plane seats also bore dark red stains. Later Stratt heard a radio description of the kidnapper and realised that this was the man to whom he'd sold the petrol.

Police believe that Bivens was murdered in the plane and his body thrown out.

Last Night Coldest For Four Years

Hongkong Shivers
LAST NIGHT in Hongkong was the coldest January night since 1936.

The thermometer, which never rose above the 60 degrees mark during the day, fell to 45, comparing with the lowest January recording in 1936 of 44.7.

It may become even colder during the next 24 hours as the temperature at 10 o'clock this morning was 50—three degrees below yesterday's recording at the same time.

Observatory Forecast

The Royal Observatory promises fresh north winds, with the weather remaining fair, but cold.

Although the lowest January temperature for four years, last night's 45 degrees was nowhere near the record, which is 32 degrees recorded on January 18, 1933.

The second lowest winter temperature for Hongkong is 37.5 degrees which the Royal Observatory recorded in 1930.

Cold Wave Sweeps China

CHUNGKING, Jan. 23 (Central).—A cold wave is sweeping over China, forcing the mercury to drop below zero at many places.

The cold spell in Changsha, capital of Hunan, is described as the severest in 20 years. Most of the city's water pipes are frozen.

Farmers in the areas around the Tungting Lake in north Hunan are glad of the heavy snowfall, which is a portent for a bountiful year.

Already they are ploughing the earth and storing water for spring sowing.

Reports from Kwangsi, capital of Kwangsi and Shikwan, 140 miles north of Canton in north Kwangsi, state that the temperature in both places has dropped to freezing point.

A mixed drizzle and snow fell in Shikwan last night.

The weather is coldest in Lanchow, capital of Kinsu, where the mercury dropped to eight degrees below zero, and a blinding snowstorm raged all day yesterday.

Boy Accosts Two Girls And Lands in Harbour

BOSTON (UP).—Social arbiters might frown on this method, but James Smith, 15, certainly has learned not to speak to strange girls. Confronting two girls on an East Boston bridge, Smith asked: "What's the password?"

Without a murmur, the girls grabbed Jimmy and heaved him into the harbour. Spectators rescued him.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR FINNS

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The Finnish Fund now tops \$1,000,000. This is additional to the \$300,000 already available for relief and \$400,000 now en route to Finland.

Liquidating Securities

To Pay For Allied War Purchases

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, at the Press Conference today, said that he saw no danger involved in the liquidation of British-owned securities in the United States to provide dollar exchange to finance Allied war purchases in the United States.

A problem existed regarding the transfer of gold owing to shipping difficulties, but it was no greater for Britain than other countries.

Mr. Morgenthau indicated that at the request of President Roosevelt, he was co-ordinating the Allied and American purchases of aeroplanes in the United States.

It is assumed from this that aircraft orders being placed in the U.S. by Mr. Morgenthau in order to prevent conflicts which might bear prices and interfere with deliveries.

New Washington Protest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (Central).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, received Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, this afternoon.

It was understood that the American Government has made fresh representations to the British Government regarding the interference with mails aboard American ships.

Delay To Ships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, has sent a note to Great Britain advising that United States ships passing Gibraltar are delayed three times as long as Italian ships and asked for assurances that Great Britain will cease this discrimination.

United States ships are delayed on an average of 12.4 days, compared with an average of 4 days for Italian ships.

BRITISH ARMED TRAWLER LOST

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—A British armed trawler was sunk in the North Sea, apparently by a mine. Ten men were killed, one of whom was an officer and the others ratings.

PRINCE SAIONJI VERY ILL

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Prince Saionji, Japan's Elder Statesman, is in a very critical condition. He is suffering from the complications of an intestinal cold.

Not British Plane

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry states that full enquiries were made into the Dutch official announcement that an unidentified aircraft flew over Dutch territory yesterday, and it is now established that the aircraft in question could not have been British.

Disillusioned By Their Nazi Masters

SEEDS OF REVOLT SOWN IN SLOVAKIA

SLOVAKIA, DRAINED OF ITS LIMITED RESOURCES, ITS PEOPLE DEMORALISED AND DISSIDENT, AWAITS A HARD WINTER.

Whereas their brother Czechs derive a certain moral strength from their united stand against Nazism, the mockery of victory and independence that has been given the Slovaks saps purpose, breeding a bitter defeatism. But the seeds of rebellion are growing, carefully tended by those Protestant realists who, in spite of informers and spies, have kept alive an illegal organisation since Germany's puppets were installed in power.

THE HAGUE PROTESTS

Nazi Affronts To Neutrality

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Government has again protested to Berlin at another affront to Holland's neutrality.

On Saturday morning a German plane was seen over Utrecht and Southern Holland as well as over The Hague.

Dutch military machines went up in pursuit.

An unidentified plane flew over Holland from east to west this afternoon, and was again seen over The Hague.

Dutch fighter planes went up after it.

Flow Over Capital

THE HAGUE, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Foreign planes, whose nationality was not identified, flew over Holland this afternoon. They were eventually reported over The Hague.

Dutch anti-aircraft guns opened fire and Dutch air patrols took off to intercept them.

British Violation?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Jan. 22 (UP).—It is officially reported that British planes were observed and fired upon over Gorinck at 12.45 p.m. today.

Holland is making a protest to Great Britain for violation of her neutrality.

Was Nazi Plane

THE HAGUE, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the foreign plane which flew over Holland yesterday afternoon was German.

Holland will protest to Berlin.

Petrol Rationing In N. Zealand

WELLINGTON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Petrol rationing is to be re-introduced in New Zealand. It was suspended during the December and January for the benefit of holiday-makers.

Italian Difficulties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 22 (UP).—The Italian Cabinet today approved a decree forbidding the sale of foreign coal throughout Italy for heating purposes "owing to the difficulties due to the international situation."

Cabinet Ministers also approved a decree empowering the Ministry of Corporations to apply further rationing measures when the necessity may arise "owing to the disturbance of normal traffic due to the international situation."

Defends Silver Purchases

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (UP).—Senator Key Pittman defended the Silver Purchase Act of 1934 as an important factor in the stabilization of the economy and contended that the operation of the act shows how erroneous was the published conclusion by Messrs. Handly Harman that the act had not achieved its purpose.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY THERAPION NO. 1 THERAPION NO. 2 THERAPION NO. 3

It is a French Remedy which has been used for many years in France and is now being introduced into Hongkong. It is a French Remedy which has been used for many years in France and is now being introduced into Hongkong.

The war with Poland was very unpopular, and many incidents during the mobilisation showed public sentiment.

Villages in western Slovakia often solidly refused the call to arms.

In Lab the reservists, aided by women and children, chased away the gendarmes who came to post up the proclamation, and only on the arrival of German troops were forced at the bayonet-point to enter the lorries.

At Jablonica, where reservists from a large area were concentrated, the hatred of the people against the priests and Hlinka Guards exploded in armed revolt, in which Hlinka Guards were killed.

A trainload of protesting troops then left for the north, to be surrounded by a German force at Trencin and disarmed.

Official accounts of Slovak participation in the Polish campaign are scanty, but Polish refugees in Hungary confirm that the Slovak soldiers had to be forced forward by the Germans in what the Propaganda Minister, Sano Mach, called "Slovakia's victorious surge into the Javorina."

Only 15 of 115 aeroplanes took the air, and of these ten were sent to Poland. Colonel Ambroz, head of the Slovak army in France, reported that Germany forbade him to use his planes on the grounds that German anti-aircraft guns would mistake them for Polish. Refugees in Hungary describe how two Slovak airmen bombed the Polish line.

Immediately after the Polish campaign the Slovak Minister of War took the decision, independently of German advice, to demobilise his forces. Men have either returned to their villages or are confined to barracks. Others have been drafted for labour corps work in Poland.

German troops, however, remain in occupation, as is shown by the report of a railway accident on October 12, in which four German soldiers were killed. The German minority is organised in special military units commanded by Reich German officers, forming a part of the Slovak army, and wearing Slovak uniforms with a distinguishing avastika badge on the sleeve.

Tiso's Christianity

The single political party (excepting the minority parties) has saved itself from shrinking to a minute group in Bratislava by making membership of the Hlinka Guard and its kindred formations compulsory. During the summer there were mass desertions from the ranks of the Hlinka Guards. Some villages with more than 200 members of the Guard in April had less than a dozen in August. While the robber elements withdrew, the unrulier lot was expelled because of irresponsible anti-Jewish actions which were crippling the retail trade of the entire land. At the first general meeting of the renamed Hlinka People's Party, which took place in Trencin on October 12, Mr. Tiso was elected leader, and all Protestants were excluded from committee. It was decided that failure to join the party would be punished by 14 days' imprisonment or a fine of 5,000 crowns.

Tiso continues to wield a certain influence in country districts by his skilful use of religion in the summer months. It is the traditional custom of the Slovak peasantry to assemble in vast crowds at various shrines, and there to spend a Sunday plucking in the churchyards, purchasing the tawdry objects with which their cottages are decorated, and in the evening, dancing and drinking. It was at such gatherings that Tiso made his

Dutch Plane Crashes

Singapore, Jan. 22. All six passengers and three of the crew were killed and a mechanic injured when a Lockheed plane crashed to-day while taking off from the airport.

The plane belonged to the Royal Netherlands India Airways—United Press.

Goodwill Flight

Tokyo, Jan. 22. En route home from a goodwill flight to Rome, the Japanese monoplane Yamato left Hanoi at 9.20 this morning for Canton—Domel.

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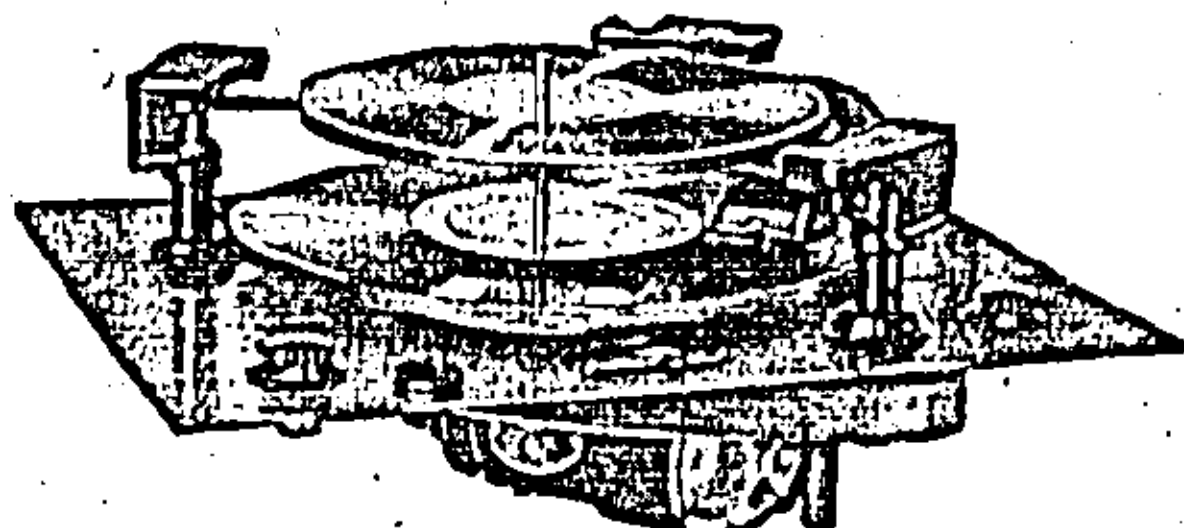
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Discredited Oracle

THERE is an oft-told legal anecdote about a man who, after being tried for a crime, was given the benefit of the doubt, was informed by his counsel that he might leave the dock. "But I can't," was the reply, "I've got the trousers on!" That anecdote would illustrate any attempt by Wang Ching-wel or the Japanese to convince the secret agreement between them, so dramatically exposed by two of Wang's erstwhile followers, is anything but what it is meant to be—the betrayal of one-fifth of the world's population into bondage.

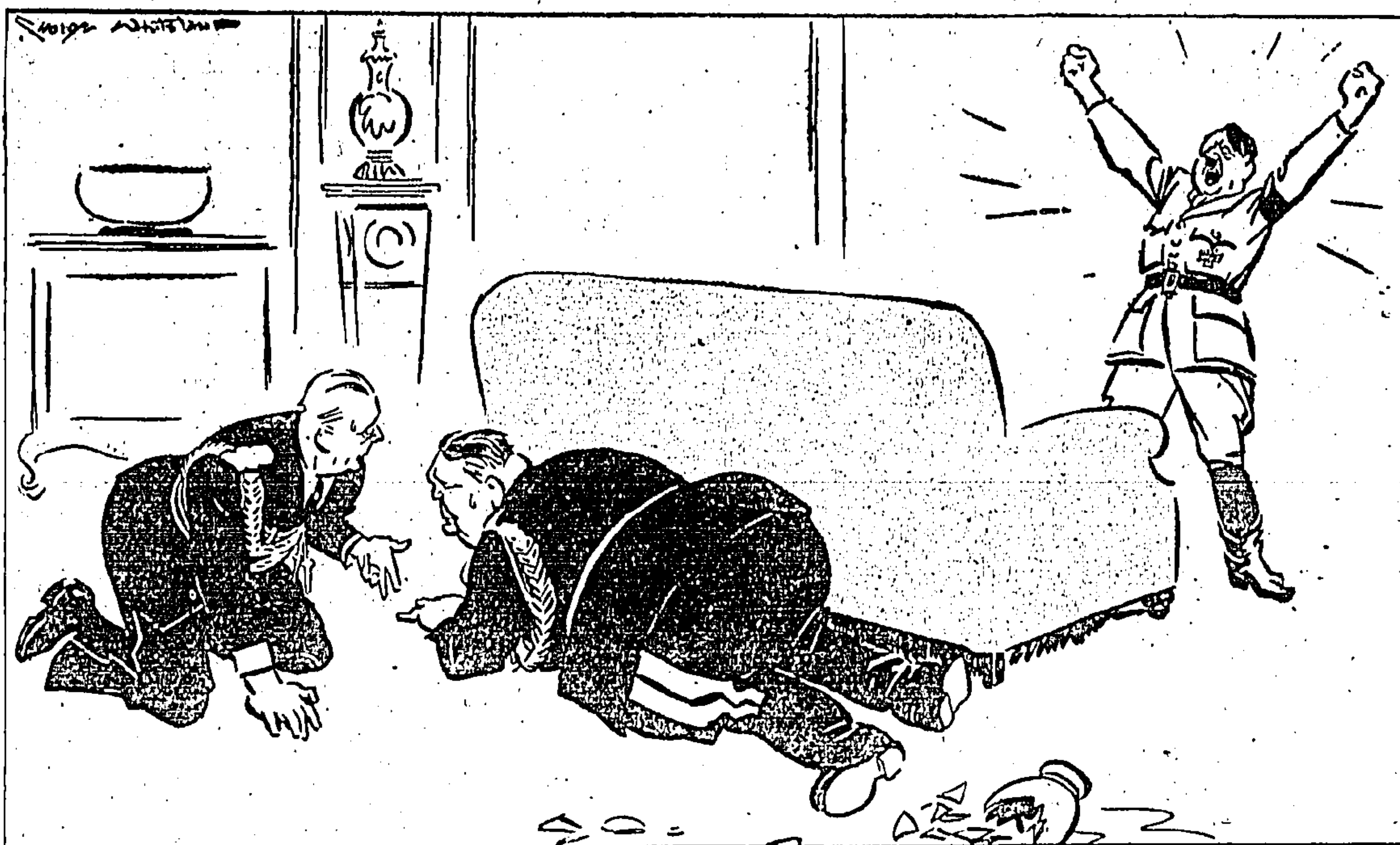
Indeed, Wang Ching-wel's chief secretary, Chen Chun-po, has realised the difficulty of repudiating the agreement and has admitted that the text published in Hongkong is genuine. He excuses the severity of the terms as "only representing the Japanese demands and not including Wang Ching-wel's counter demands or the terms which were actually agreed upon."

"The real terms," he continues in almost apologetic explanation, "are not detrimental to China's sovereignty or independence."

Admission that the terms are those which Japan seeks to impose on China after two and a half years of warfare in which China is by no means the most exhausted of the belligerents, and the further admission that Wang Ching-wel was even prepared to discuss peace and the formation of a new "government" with these terms as a basis, a discussion at once brands the Wang regime as an enemy to the Chinese people. If the evidence tendered by Wang's former supporters is so irrefutable that it brings admission from Wang's own camp, we are not then to believe that the further allegations by Kai Tsung-wu and Tao Hsi-sheng that Wang has actually signed the terms disclosed in the photostat reproductions—the two men claim that the treaty was signed in a Japanese hotel in Shanghai on December 30—also are true? Chen Chun-po claims that Wang's counter-claims have been adopted by the Japanese; that they are not detrimental to Chinese independence, "but the time is not yet ripe for publication." Why? If the terms are as serious as to place the Chinese people under the thumb of the most opportunist time to publish them, in view of the irreparable damage done to Wang's already discredited cause by exposure of what is admitted to be, at the very least, the basis on which he negotiated with Japan.

Japan's bull-headedness in the past in her dealings not only with China but with third Powers does not offer support for Chen Chun-po's claim that she has, between December 30 and yesterday, weakened to such an extent that she completely abandoned the demands exposed yesterday and has agreed to substitute claims "not detrimental to China's sovereignty or independence."

There are damning facts which Wang and his followers—we predict that Kai Tsung-wu and Tao Hsi-sheng will not be the last to defend—cannot ignore. From the outer world, however they are reconcilable to Wang's conscience. There are the trousers—the betrayal of a Central Government and a leader whom Wang pledged to support; the secret negotiations in the capital; the enemy whose plans for bombing Chinese women and children; the demands upon which Wang entered negotiation and, according to two of his close followers, actually signed. There is, doubtless, large allowance to be made for Wang Ching-wel. He is a disappointed and discredited man, who is actually conscious that his reputation has lost whatever shreds it had. He who now faces charges of treason if he ever returns to that part of his country not be-



RIBBENTROP: "It was all very well for Schuschnigg and Benes, but this is beyond a joke!"

Still we use the DOGS OF WAR..

DOGS, hundreds of them, are "serving" in the Maginot Line.

They still have a place in modern armies. New mechanical inventions can no more replace them than they can replace foot-soldiers.

Many people early in the last war were shocked to see photos of dogs in Belgium pulling light rubber-wheeled carriages mounted with machine-guns.

To-day dogs are still used. In the Maginot Line there are hundreds of them. They are used for three main purposes.

First of all, there are the "watch-dogs." For this purpose Alsatians, Groenendaels, and Malinois are best. They are used at observation posts to supplement the warning of approaching planes given by the delicate detecting instruments.

In 1915 a well-known watch-dog, "Lion," was capable of giving the alarm 10 minutes before an enemy plane came in sight.

His behaviour was characteristic. He would lift his head, look up at the sky, constantly and violently shake his body and give short but repeated barks.

Every man in the company knew the signs. Not once was the dog mistaken.

Watch-dogs can also give the alarm if an enemy soldier is creeping across the ground ahead. A dog has far more sensitive powers of hearing than a human being. Watch him. Every move made by the prowler, unheard by the sentry, is immediately heard by the dog.

His head points towards the place where the soldier lurks. A move to the left or to the right is registered at once by the dog slightly moving his head.

Secondly, war-dogs are used by the Army Medical Corps. They go at night with the stretcher-bearers into No-Man's Land, searching for wounded.

In the dark human searchers often miss wounded men, lying unconscious, incapable of attracting attention. So the dogs are specially trained to "smell out" the wounded.

cupied by his countrymen's enemy was the very adviser who, five years ago, told China to beware of Japanese intrigue. Certainly, he will claim that he but seeks to put China on a new basis, and will pretend that the power, which has been held up as the arch-enemy of China is a really kindred spirit with whom it is most natural to be on neighbourly terms. But Wang can surely not claim that the "new basis" disclosed yesterday is calculated to inspire either confidence or respect.

And thirdly, dogs are used as "runners" or "carriers."

Attacking parties can use them to send back messages to headquarters when a soldier could not get through and when the distance is too short for the use of pigeons.

Such a dog has to cross the enemy's fire. He must be cunning, swift, and very carefully trained. Greyhounds, deerhounds and wolfhounds are usually best at this work.

Food and ammunition can be carried by dogs as well as messages. A heavier dog is needed for this—Great Danes, St. Bernards, Alaskans.

When incessant artillery fire makes it impossible for the Army Service Corps men to reach the forward trenches, they can send these dogs specially laden through the maze of communication trenches to revictual cut-off outposts.

For days on end they may be the sole source of supply for troops engaged in heavy fighting.

Dogs are indeed precious to the soldier—even to-day.

P. B.

Turkey's Choice WHAT IT MEANS

by W. N. Ewer

TURKEY declines the Russian proposals. Her decision is of the first importance to us.

For behind the past proposals was a more far-reaching idea. To lure Turkey away from her friendship with Britain and France; to lure her into the Russo-German camp.

It is part of a diplomatic offensive to the territory and waters which are vitally important for the British Empire.

For a hundred and fifty years—ever since General Bonaparte conceived the idea of attacking the Indian Empire by the invasion of Egypt—it has been understood here that the Eastern Mediterranean is of nearly as much consequence to us as the Channel or the North Sea.

From the moment that Nelson sailed for the Nile we have never for a moment taken our eyes off these parts. All through the nineteenth century the "Eastern Question" was the main preoccupation of British statesmanship.

So it has been, so it must be. For more than ever since the Suez

Canal was made) this is part of a "life line" of the Empire—the route to India, to Australia, to New Zealand, to East Africa.

Relatively to this area of "vital interest" to the British Commonwealth, Turkey occupies a position of supreme strategic importance.

She lies athwart the route which either of the East European Powers must take if they are to menace us there. She is the guardian of the Straits, the strongest of the Balkan Powers.

She and we have a deep community of interest. She must, and we must, for our very safety, oppose and prevent a drive from the north to the Mediterranean, whether it comes from Berlin or from Moscow. That has been an axiom both of British and of Turkish policy for a century and more.

Exceptions to the rule have been rare and always unfortunate.

The Turkey of Kemal has understood Turkish interests better than did Talat and David and Enver. After the war and its ill legacies had been liquidated Turkey has followed two rules.

She has kept on the most friendly terms with her great military neighbour to the north. Friendship with Russia, so long as Russia had no Balkan ambitions herself and was opposed to them in anybody else, was a fixed and a wise rule.

So was friendship with Great Britain, her great naval neighbour to the South, whose interests were clearly the same as hers—the keeping of the peace in the Balkans and in the Aegean.

For Britain a strong, and independent Turkey is a bulwark against aggression in a region of first concern to us. For Turkey Britain is an invaluable support should her strength and independence be threatened.

Between the two Turkish policies of friendship with Russia and friendship with Britain there should have been no clash, no incompatibility.

M. Sarajoglu has worked hard these three weeks in Moscow to persuade the Russians of this.

He has—with the cordial agreement of London and Paris—offered M. Molotov every concession and every assurance to make it plain that the Anglo-Turkish and Franco-Turkish pacts would in no way be directed against the Soviet Union.

But M. Molotov—and indeed M. Stalin himself—have demanded too much. They have insisted on terms which would have made the pacts pointless: on terms which would have placed Turkey almost under Russian tutelage; they have declined to give her any safeguard against a German aggression in the Balkans.

They have forced the Turkish Government to choose. And it has made the choice, which Turkish interests required.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Well, I do know Cayford is faithful—he's had the same secretary for ten years."

RUSSIAN SERVANTS

Soviet Consul's Action: To Give Employment

Tientsin, Jan. 22.
The Soviet Consul-General, M. Serge Nitkin, informed a corres-

pondent to-day that he recently replaced the entire Chinese staff and also the servants with Russian men because many Russians in Tientsin were without employment.

It is rumoured that the substitution was made owing to the Chinese servants giving information to the Japanese.—United Press.

FIGHTING RAGES IN CHINA DESPITE BAD WEATHER

Chinese Continue Sweeping Drives

ACCORDING to "Central News" reports from the North, snow and cold are still hampering military operations on the various fronts. Nevertheless, some heavy fighting has been seen in Shansi and North Hupeh during the last few days.

A Hingsi (Shensi) message states that despite a heavy snowfall, Chinese forces continue their sweeping drives against the Japanese in south and south-east Shansi.

It is also claimed that Japanese units south of Hsianghsien have been exterminated, while those near Wensi have suffered serious losses.

A battle is raging near Yichang, where 3,000 Japanese are engaged by the Chinese at Wu-tao and Kwanchang.

Japanese Disaster

The same report states that the Japanese southward drive from Changtze and Hukwan in south-east Shansi has ended in disaster. The Japanese troops retreating toward Chongtchen and Sinochichien, south of Hukwan, have been surrounded and wiped out. It is estimated that the Japanese have sustained over 1,000 casualties.

In west Shansi, however, fighting has been at a standstill owing to bitter cold and heavy snowfall. Fighting has also taken place in Hupeh in spite of the conditions. Chinese forces pushed the Japanese back from the north of the province, have vigorously attacked the Japanese at Kungchichien, north of Shih-shien.

Japanese units beleaguered near Kuoicheng, 20 miles north of Shih-shien, have made a futile attempt to break through the Chinese cordon. They are said to have been thrown back with severe losses.

Chinese forces staged a surprise attack on the Japanese repairing the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in east Anhwei recently and killed over 100 of them. They also destroyed a section of the railroad and tore down a number of telegraph posts.

Shantung Front Activity
The Shantung front was also active over the weekend when a Japanese detachment, supported by artillery and planes, launched a drive towards Chaocheng. A fierce battle ensued, resulting in the defeat of the Japanese.

Reinforced, the invaders later made another attempt. This time they were again driven out. In the North Kwangtung front, Chinese troops continue to pursue the Japanese who are falling back on Canton. The areas north of Sunkai, on the Canton-Hankow Railway 17 miles north of Canton, are reported to have been cleared of Japanese troops.

P.C.'s Driving Offences

Fined & Ordered To Pay Compensation

Police Constable Cheung Fuk was summoned on three counts for breaches of the traffic regulations before Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning and was fined \$30. Cheung was summoned for failing to report a collision in Island Road on December 20, driving without a valid licence, and failing to keep to the left of the road.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Clarke said Cheung managed to get a private car by informing the owner that he possessed a valid licence. Cheung drove it along Island Road on the wrong side of the road and collided with a car driven by Mr. W. W. Ritchie.

Gave Wrong Name

Mr. Ritchie's car was damaged to the extent of \$25. Cheung gave a wrong name to Mr. Ritchie, and did not make any attempt to report the accident.

The following day, Mr. Ritchie reported the accident to the Traffic Office, and for sometime the authorities were unable to discover that Cheung was the man involved in the accident.

Cheung stated that he was so frightened when the collision occurred that he gave a wrong name to Mr. Ritchie.

On each summons Cheung was fined \$10 and was ordered to pay to "atone" for his wrongdoing \$25 to serve a month's hard labour.

CAR PARKING OFFENCES

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Mrs. C. R. Bow of Abernethy Court, May Road, by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning for leaving her car unattended in Chater Road on December 16. She pleaded guilty by letter.

R. G. Parker, of the Peak, was cautioned for a similar offence. He left his car in Theatre Lane. It was Parker's first offence.

SUBMARINE THREAT LESSENER

Nazis Are Short Of Trained Men

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wireless).—Little credence is given by those who make a close study of ship-building matters of the Nazi claims that submarines will be produced this year at a rate of one each day. They will be surprised if more than 50 are put into service in the current year.

Apart from the heavy call on mental resources which this would entail, the provision of nearly 3,000 trained and skilled officers and men is likely to present an even more serious problem.

Long Experience Needed

Informed commentators remark that from six to nine years experience on active service at sea is needed to build up competent men for Commanding Officers and senior petty officers. The supply of such men has seriously diminished owing to U-boat losses in the war, and it is estimated that over 1,000 who started training in submarines five years ago have since the war began, gone down with their ships.

In the last war, Germany had built up a large personnel when, after thirty months of war, her big effort was made with the commissioning of 87 new boats in 1917.

It is recognised that there is a sharp difference in the technique between the British and German practice owing to the fact that U-boats are not primarily fighting ships, and that attacks on merchantmen call for a lower degree of accuracy in handling the vessel on the part of the Commanding Officer. A shortage of trained men as First Lieutenants and petty officers, upon whom a great deal of technical responsibility rests, is, however, likely to be felt in the course of the next few months.

The British Method

In the British Navy, no volunteer for submarines is transferred into ratings as Able Seaman until the age of 21. Then after some six years' experience, he may qualify as Petty Officer Coxswain in one of the smaller types, and after a further three years' experience, he becomes due for advancement to Chief Petty Officer and may take up duty as the most responsible hand in one of the large types.

Regular service in a submarine is not undertaken by a young Lieutenant until he has done eight months' training, partly at depot and partly as a sparehand in a fully commissioned boat. Then he does three years as Third Officer, followed by four years as First Lieutenant before being entrusted with a command at about the age of 29.

Rhodesia To Train Airmen

Empire Scheme Will Be Extended

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The British Government has approved of an Empire Air Training Scheme in Southern Rhodesia. The cost will be borne by the British Government, with the Southern Rhodesian Government contributing to it. Equipment and the majority of the instructional personnel and pupils will be provided by the British Government.

Schools to be established under the scheme will be under the control of the Southern Rhodesian Government and the existing training organisations in Southern Rhodesia will be incorporated in the new scheme.

When trained, the Southern Rhodesian personnel will be posted to the R.A.F., retaining their identity, and when sufficient numbers are available they will form Rhodesian Squadrons of the R.A.F.

WESTERN FRONT

WINTER HOLDS UP THE WAR

PARIS, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The commanders of all Allied armies in the field made the same report this morning, namely, "Snow and cold. Nothing to report."

There has been very little aerial activity. A single German reconnaissance plane flew over eastern France and penetrated as far as what is authoritatively described as the "edge of the Paris water-shed."

To-day's communique states that there was no incident during the day.

Singapore Is—

ARSENAL OF GOLD DOLLARS

SINGAPORE, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Malaya was described in a broadcast as an arsenal manufacturing one of the most powerful weapons—foreign exchange.

This description was applied by a professor of Raffles College, Singapore, who pointed out that the United States buys tin and rubber from Malaya but that Malaya's purchases in the United States are small.

Malaya's credit in the United States is about \$6,000,000 a month, making it the most important source of American dollars in the Empire.

LABOUR M.P. AT CHENG TU

CHENG TU, Jan. 23 (Central).—Sir Stafford Gripps, former Labour Party leader in the British Parliament, who came to China to investigate the Industrial Co-operatives Movement and reconstruction work, arrived here from Chungking by automobile yesterday.

He will visit different factories on January 24 and will attend a welcome meeting arranged in Chengtu. January 25, 26 and 27 he will proceed to Kunhsien to inspect conservancy work.

BIG CANADIAN LOAN SUCCESS

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The success of Canada's first war loan has encouraged the Canadian Government during December and January for the benefit of holiday-makers. The first loan of \$44,500,000 worth of Government securities actually brought in \$71,500,000, not including the conversion of \$12,000,000.

This shows that a large quantity of money in Canada is still awaiting investment, and the Dominion Minister of Finance announces that it is proposed to issue saving certificates similar to those issued in the last war.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY

Charged with committing an armed robbery at 55 Ma Tau Wei Road, first floor, on December 8, Cheung Ki-ki, 31, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Himsforth at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Cheung is alleged to have robbed Song Lin-shan of \$85 Chinese currency, \$355, Hongkong currency from Song Chun-sam, and a gold pocket watch, a gold ring set in diamonds and \$17, from Way Ol-long.

Inspector A. E. Carey asked for three days remand.

War Savings By Royal Household

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wireless).—Speaking to-day to the Westminster National Savings Committee, the Treasury Financial Secretary stated that a special committee had been formed in the Royal Household, with the King's approval, as part of the already-existing National Savings Group. His Majesty had provided the initial funds for this Committee's work, and both the King and Queen desire to make it as easy as possible for the staff of the Household to participate in the Savings movement.

Quezon Reaffirms Decision

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". MANILA, Jan. 22 (Dome).—President Quezon, opening the National Assembly to-day, rejected the proposed postponement of the Philippine independence and reaffirmed the determination of the Commonwealth to do its utmost for the accomplishment of independence and freedom.

FOOD IN PLENTY

New Statement On The Home Front

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wireless).—With war in its fifth month and rationing in its third week, a survey of the food supplies and prices shows that many foods are as cheap and plentiful as before the war, and some prices are actually lower.

Butter is rationed and meat supplies are restricted, but of eggs there are unlimited supplies at unchanged prices, whereas Germans have one egg weekly.

More Margarine Eaten

Consumption of margarine has gone up because of the rationing of butter, but there is no shortage, and the price, 5d. to 8d. per pound, have not advanced.

Game is as cheap or cheaper than ever and is not rationed.

A hare weighing 7 lbs. at 42d. is actually 6d. to a shilling cheaper than before the war.

Although the more delicate fish are generally dear and scarce, herrings are 2d. per pound cheaper than before.

Dried fruits are in ample supply since a trade agreement was signed with Turkey and the controlled prices are to be reduced.

At Pre-War Prices

There is no shortage or increase in the price of coffee and cocoa, and the pre-war prices of tea have been maintained, and there is no difficulty in obtaining supplies. Unlimited supplies of biscuits are available without price increases.

Government now has a surplus of bacon and ham. Prices have slightly advanced.

Violence Met With Violence

Judge Has No Mercy For Guilty Robber

"Violence is a thing at which two people meet and are going to have a little of it, yourself. You did not hesitate to mete it out to other people. You will therefore go to prison for two years and also receive eight strokes of the cat."

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor, addressed these words to Cheung Choy, self-confessed robber. He had pleaded guilty to a crime which the Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. M. J. Abbott, described as "particularly mean." Together with another man, Cheung had robbed a 73-year-old boatman of clothing, a stick, a bag, and a piece of wood, causing a severe wound.

The two men hired Shek Kam-sing's boat and wished to be taken to Ching Island. Shek being so old, secured the assistance of 64-year-old Ng Ah-sing, another boatman, to help him row. As the boat was on the way, the two men attacked Shek. One held him by the neck while the other tied his hands. Ng, meanwhile, frightened out of his wits, was crouching down in the bottom of the boat. The two men then escaped.

Ng, who was arrested as Cheung's fellow robber, was tried and found not guilty without the defence being called.

The Jury were: Messrs. H. Nish (foreman), R.K. Pavi, F.K. Pattinson, Chow Yung, R.L.D. Noronha, R. H. Wild and Lee Wai-long.

BOUND OVER ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Mel Kau-ling, 25, who was charged before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy last Friday with embezzlement of \$1,200 from Mel Sung-mien, manager of the Tuck Woo Kung Kee Dyeing Firm, was today bound over in \$100 to be of good behaviour for a year.

Mr. M. K. Lo, appearing for complainant, said Mel was the nephew of complainant. Mr. Lo said he was instructed to bring proceedings against Mel, only to teach him a lesson as he had been mixing with bad company. Full restitution had been made to complainant, and the firm would not suffer any loss. Mr. Lo then asked Mr. Himsforth to let defendant's case as a first offence.

Seat For Board Of Trade President

LONDON, Jan. 22 (British Wireless).—City of London Conservatives have decided to invite Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, to meet them with a view to his being accepted as a candidate for Parliament and his unopposed return as member to replace Sir Alan Anderson, who is willing to retire as anticipated.

JAPANESE PROTEST LODGED

"Unfriendly Action" By Britain

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Government has formally protested to the British Ambassador with regard to the stopping of the Asama Maru.

The Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the Ambassador that his Government cannot but regard the British action as serious and unfriendly against Japan.

The Government reserves the right to demand delivery to them of the detained Germans.

Was 35 Miles Off Coast

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—According to the latest reports, the Asama Maru was 35 miles off Japan when she was stopped by a British warship on Saturday.

The 21 Germans were all of military age and members of all tanker crews on the way back to Germany, and semi-official quarters here point out that if they were allowed to return home, they would be particularly useful to the German war effort.

Thirty other Germans were on board. They were mostly merchants and were allowed to continue on their way.

The right to remove enemies of military age from a neutral ship is recognised by international law, these same circles point out. It has been used by the Germans several times in the Baltic when German warships took off crews of military age. Last month, Mr. Gordon Vereker, former Counsellor of the British Embassy in Moscow, and several Poles were taken off a neutral ship by a German warship.

Mr. Vereker was only released because he was a Consul official.

Text Of Protest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Dome).—Japan's protest regarding the Asama Maru incident was presented to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, at 10.50 p.m. last night. The protest stated that the Japanese Government reserved the right to demand the return of the Germans who were taken off the N.Y.K. liner.

It discloses that the incident occurred at 12.50 p.m. on Sunday, at a point 35 knots off Nishino Point. A British Japanese ship Asama Maru, en route from Honolulu to Yokohama, to stop. Accordingly, at 12.54 p.m., the Japanese ship stopped at a point 34.34 degrees North and 143.31 degrees East.

"The British warship then sent an officer and a number of ratings to the Asama Maru."

"The British naval unit demanded the handing over of 21 German passengers, pleading the right under International Law, but without giving a detailed explanation of the reason for the demand, or even without giving the name of the warship."

Captain Declined

"The Captain of the Asama Maru declined the British request but could not prevent the British naval unit from forcibly seizing the said German passengers."

The British Government has been sufficiently informed that the Japanese Government has stood for the generally recognised provision that the nationals of a belligerent Power aboard a neutral ship would be able to demand the handing over of the ship and those who are at the moment included in the military forces.

"Extremely Serious View"

"Despite the fact that the British authorities are well aware of the Japanese attitude, the forcible seizure of the Asama Maru, and the Japanese Government cannot but regard the British action as an unfriendly act of momentum."

"The Japanese Government are taking an extremely serious view of the attitude and cannot acquiesce in the action taken by the British Navy."

"The Japanese Government requests an early explanation, sufficient and solid, from the British Government regarding the affair."

"The Japanese Government make it clear that they reserve the right of demanding the handing over of the Germans who have been taken away."

"The British action has gravely aided upon public opinion in Japan."

"In view of the fact that it is inevitable that any repetition will lead to the more serious aggravation of the Japanese people against Great Britain, the Japanese Government requests that the British Government pay profound consideration to the matter in the broad light of relationship between the two countries."

Arifa Reports

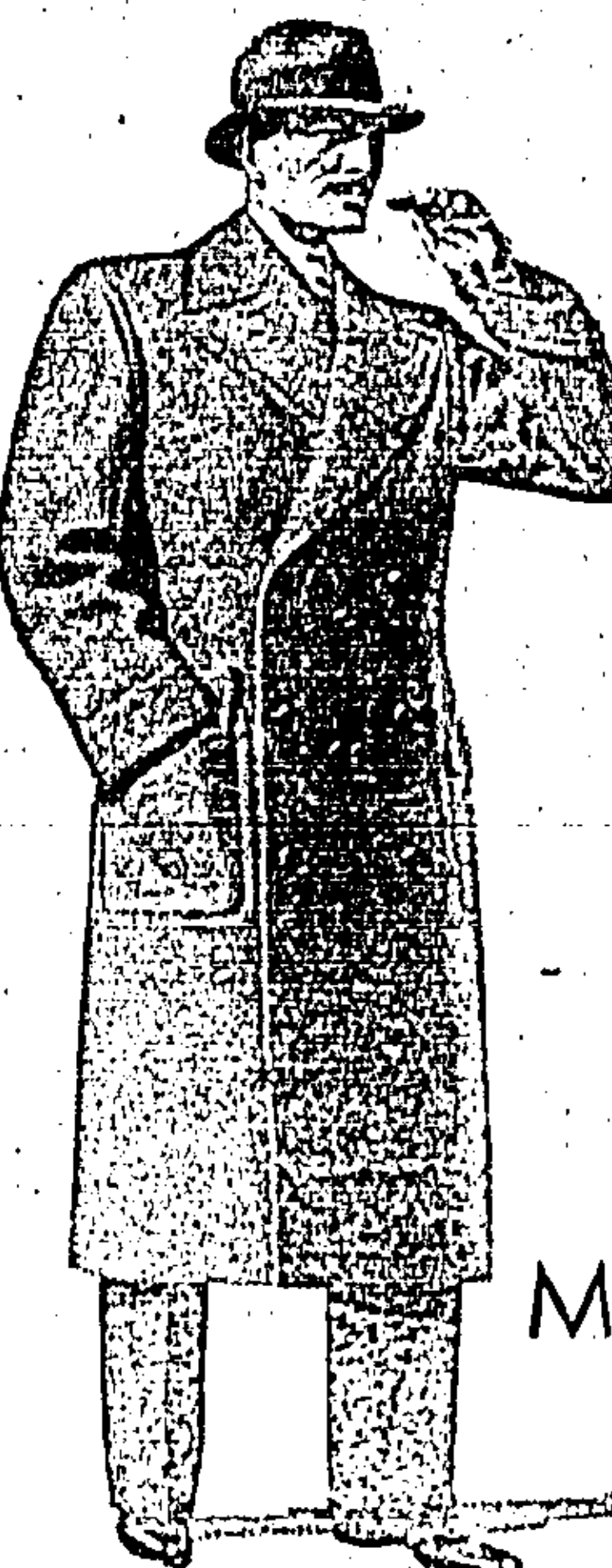
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Dome).—The Foreign Minister, Mr. Arifa, had an important conversation with Premier Yonai at the latter's official residence this morning regarding the Japanese Government's attitude towards the Asama Maru case.

The Foreign Minister informed the Premier of the results of the inquiries carried out by the Foreign Office and the protest lodged by the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tanaka, with the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, last night.

Major Controversy Possible
TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Political quarters state that the Asama Maru incident may stir up a major controversy between Britain and Japan.

The question is being asked in some quarters if the Japanese protest against the seizure of the Ger-

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

LEAGUE FINALLY MAKES A START

Surprisingly Poor Fielding In Craigengower-Kowloon Match

Fine Centuries By T. A. Pearce And Richardson

ON SATURDAY LAST the much discussed League started in the Senior Division. As I understand the matter the University have gallantly raised a second eleven, and their first have taken over the Navy fixtures. They must not be discouraged if they do not meet with much success—especially in the second eleven.

The putting into the field of two teams will undoubtedly have a very stimulating effect on cricket at the University, and if they do not reap any immediate reward, there will be better times coming in the next few years.

For the time being at all events, the Army first eleven is carrying on in the Senior Division, and I understand they have arranged the first and second elevens as is most convenient. (I should like to see an all day game between the two sides!) They were at home to Reccreio in a game which had many vicissitudes. A bad start—five wickets were down for under forty—was checked by Godby and Denyer. The former did not perhaps get his fair share of the bowling, but I have seldom seen him kept so quiet.

The ground fielding was excellent. Denyer hit as usual. How he manages to run about five feet down the pitch, and then get back and push the ball in the direction of third man I do not know. It is this quickness of foot plus an excellent eye that rescues him from the dangers usually incumbent on a cheerful cross bat.

LAST WICKET STAND

JUST AS GOBBY seemed to be set to hit a very wide long hop over hard to cover when Gerry Gosano made an excellent catch. Other wickets, soon fell, and things looked bad when Denyer was stumped after making forty-one. Nine wickets were down for 88 but Major Petr and Halford hung on to the slack and held about them, taking the score to 135 before the latter cricketer one from G. N. Gosano (who had relieved E. L.) to second slip.

A SHAKY START

KNOWING the Reccreio batting I was by no means sure that they would win when Luigi Gosano and Soares were gone or under ten. But then Zinho and Alie Gosano settled down to a good stand. One or two difficult chances were put down, but the bowling was not quite good enough and the Reccreio won by 3 wickets after a well fought game.

SCORERS AND UMPIRES

A COMMENT was made that day that it is unfortunate that Clubs cannot produce, besides an eleven, an umpire and a scorer. It should be possible to produce a scorer always, but umpires are more difficult to find in Clubs, who, when they put out two elevens, may often have used up most of the enthusiasts—for it takes an enthusiast to devote all or most of his Saturday afternoons to a non-active position.

There ought to be more, I know, and I fear one must confess that there is not such a widespread enthusiasm for the game as there used to be. Nor, curiously enough, do many of the past enthusiasts stay by the game in this way.

Robby umpires regularly for K.C.C., Wallington, who has dropped out owing to an injury, and plays once a year, scores regularly for the Club; Paul Baakett umpires frequently for the Club, and I hang on to the game by writing about it. The Army and Navy can usually find several chaps only too glad to fill either billet, but it is not easy for all Clubs, more's the pity.

K. C. C. Wriggle Home

I WAS UNABLE to get over to the K.C.C., but I gather the fielding was pretty bad—which is rather sad as both sides—and particularly Craigengower—used to be particularly good in the field. Lee and Lloyd rather pinned the Craigengower batsmen down to a slow scoring pace. There was no collapse, but Ernie Zimmern had to declare at 161 for D which was by no means a safe

proposition against the strength of the K.C.C. batting. F. R. Zimmern (44) and E. Zimmern (37) were top scorers. A. T. Lee took 16 not out.

POWERFUL BATTING

THE K.C.C. BATSMEN had an hour and a half to get the runs and in view of the pace at which the ball travels in the out field these dry days they should have done it. They did! But there seems something very wrong with C.C.C.'s bowling. Their stock trundler F. R. Zimmern had an off day, and was hit for 70 in 9 overs. Billmorin is completely out of this season, and Winch alone 9-0-46-2 did anything though he bowled several wides in his second spell—possibly due to stiffness as it was a cold afternoon. I am not aware why Tinker Lee did not have go with the ball. Some years ago he could be very awkward on his day. Anderson (75 not out) is back in form and saved the situation. Ernie Fletcher (28) and N.A.E. Mackay (20 not out) also played useful knocks.

I.R.C. v. Varsity

AS I FEARED, the University were no match for the I.R.C. at Sookunpoo. The pitch had been over-watered, I think, and the ball flew about a bit. Minu and A. H. Madar were far too good for the Varsity batsmen, and only Matthews (16) and G. Hong Choy (21) got double figures. Madar who made the ball kick very badly at the end of the innings took his last 5 wickets without conceding a run to return the figures 9-4-24-5.

NAZARIN GETS GOING

NAZARIN got going for (I think) the first time this season, and made 54, while Kitchell collected 25. R. Singh took three wickets, but he was terribly expensive. "It is a thousand pities he cannot get rid of the curious halt in his action when he seems to put up down on the bowling crease before delivering the ball. Goggs figures of 8-3-28-1 were sound against a good batting side.

Two Centuries

IN ALL MY TIME here I cannot call to mind two centuries having been made in one Saturday afternoon in Senior Division cricket. True, it was not League cricket, but the Club had not out practically their best side. The Civil Service unfortunately lacked two of their best bowlers—McLellan and Whitley; and Alec Pearce and Owen-Hughes hammered their weak attack unmercifully. The former retired on completing his century, and declared at 232 for 4 wickets.

The Civil Service had about 2 hours to bat and started off by sending up 50 in 24 minutes, but with Fortescue out the rapid fall of the wickets of Hollidge and Colledge set them back, and another factor was the sudden discovery of a real bowler by the Club.

Atterhead did not go on until third change, but bowling to Richardson after he had made fifty, he completely stuck him up. Bowling fast with an excellent length and direction, he sent down 7 overs for 21 runs, and though he got no wickets he was easily the most dangerous bowler, and any attempt to take liberties with him would have resulted in the fall of a wicket. If he plays regularly he will take a lot of wickets though I hear a horrid rumour he is a rugged player.

RICHARDSON'S CENTURY

RICHARDSON slowed up a lot after his fifty, but got his last 28 runs quickly, hitting a four to long leg off the last ball of the match to complete a very good century. A very fair draw, though, of course, the Club would win in a played out match.

Junior Division

THE RECREIO 2ND eleven had very little trouble in polishing off the University Second as they ran up 172 for 4 wickets declared, Xavier being 58 not out, and H.A. Barros 51. Both



ROBINSON, brilliant Navy custodian, effecting a high save in the Kowloon Cup football match against the South China A.A. played at Sookunpoo yesterday. Hazzard, Navy centre-half, watching anxiously. South China won by 5-1.—Mae Cheung.

Interport Football

TWO NEW SELECTIONS FOR TRIP TO SHANGHAI

'Varsity Boat Race At Henley

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuters).—Cambridge has agreed to the Oxford suggestion to row this year's Boat Race at Henley on March 2 over a course of about a mile and a half.

A. J. M. Prata and M. A. Remedios got 20's.

The University must not be discouraged that they were all out for 38, as to my mind the Reccreio Second have an extremely useful bowling side—probably as good as any in the Junior Division. So far as my recollection serves me, not even in the palm days of University cricket did they put out two elevens in one day. I speak subject to correction, but I think this speaks volumes for the keen cricket spirit which exists at the University at the present time. Long may it continue.

A Surprise

I must not trespass on somebody else's ground, but I cannot help recording my great surprise at the defeat of K.C.C. second by the Craigengower 2nd eleven. I thought their batting was strong enough to draw any match, if not to win it.

Club Win

THE CIVIL SERVICE were by no means disgraced at Happy Valley although they lost to the Hongkong Club 2nd eleven. The Club had quite a good side out and would have beaten a good many teams I think, especially now that Mitchell seems to have found his form.

They declared at 148 for 8, and at one time Civil Service were not doing at all badly when K. T. Attwell (40), and F. Harper (34) came together. Unfortunately, Wright alone got into double figures besides these. The last six men only made 10 runs between them.

However, it wasn't too bad to see the old Civil Service put up a three figures score against what is by no means a bad Junior Division bowling side.

An Unnecessary Draw

I DID NOT SEE the game, but I cannot help thinking that the Army 2nd eleven held on far too long against the Police. I do not necessarily mean any actual time, because I have no information on that point, but the score of 198, is I think, rather over the odds for a team with the batting capacity of the Police, who with deference I do not put down as worth much more than 100. After Whatman and Fergus had knocked up a couple of 50's, the declaration was made at 9 wickets down. When stumps were drawn the Police had 118 for 9, both their last two men hanging on by their eyebrows with nought not out apiece. Clarke (35), Loughlin (23), and Stone (21) were the main stalwarts of the Police. Peal took 3 for 17, in three overs, and I should have said might well have been used more.

Sheehan And Bright Unable To Travel

IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY that Pte. Bright and Cpl. Sheehan both of the Middlesex Regiment, have declined the invitation to play soccer for the Colony against Shanghai, during the Chinese New Year holidays.

The Hongkong Football Association have now issued invitations to Bdr. Guy, of 30th Battery, an Army half-back, and to Spr. Fox, of the Royal Engineers, a centre-forward, who recently played for the Army against the Navy in the Kowloon Cup series when he scored all five goals against the sailors.

F. Fowler, S. Strange, and A. Bone, all of Hongkong Football Club, have yet to reply to invitations to travel to Shanghai.

SUNDAY'S TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent the Chinese against the Civilians in the Lal Wah Cup on the Navy ground on Sunday, at 3.30 p.m.

Cheong Wing-choi, Li Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai; Soong Ling-sing, Hau King-sung and Leung Wing-chiu; Chung Yung-tum, Fung Kin-cheung, Chan Tak-tai, Lo Wai-long (Capt.) and Hau Sing-to. Reserves—Lau King-hon, Hau Yung-hang, Kwang Chung-wan, Lau Chi-chan, Chung K. Ho-ho, Chau Man-chi, Cheuk Shek-kam and Li Shek-yau.

Players are requested to be on the ground at 3 a.m. and to notify Mr. Walter Hamming Chen (Tel. 24020) if they are unable to play.

INTERPORT PRACTICE

The following will represent Rest of the Colony against the Hongkong Interport team to meet Saigon, to-morrow at Caroline Hill at 3.30 p.m.—Morrison (R.E.), A. J. Butler (S.S.), Joseph's Hill (H.A.S.C.), Guy (S.H.A.), Forrow (Club) and Honnibal (S.S.). Joseph's Hill (H.A.S.C.), Guy (S.H.A.), Forrow (Club) and Honnibal (S.S.). Joseph's Hill (H.A.S.C.), Guy (S.H.A.), Forrow (Club) and Honnibal (S.S.).

Players are requested to report to Mr. C. A. Goldenberg in the dressing room at 4.15 p.m.

Abandoned Matches Must Be Replayed

London, Jan. 22. The Football League Management Committee to-day decided that postponed or abandoned regional soccer matches must be replayed in full.—Reuters.

Naval Rugby XV

The following will represent Navy "A" against Club "A" at Rugby on the Club ground to-morrow commencing at 4.45 p.m.: Mid. Roe; Tol. Bowden, Mid. Teare, Mid. O'Riordan and Sub. Lt. Skene-Held; Lt. Carler and Sub. Lt. Gallagher; L. S. A. Palmer, Lt. (E) Brown, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow; A. J. Butler, Cpl. Morrison, Mid. Murray-Jones, Pay. Lt. Charles and Pay. Sub-Lt. Summer. Reserves: Mns. Jeffries, S. R. A. Addis, Mid. Chapman, Ldg. Sig. Inglis and C. Wtr. King.

Rifle Shooting

Troublesome Wind Affects The Scores

FIFTY-NINE MEMBERS attended the Hongkong Rifle Association's Spoon and Practice shoot on the Stonecutters Range on Saturday afternoon, when conditions were against good shooting.

A gusty wind greeted marksmen at 200 yards and kept veering from the right to down the range, giving much trouble.

The high spot of the afternoon was the 94 made by Q.M.S. J. Ball, of the Ordnance Corps, who used open sights. This is considered all the more creditable in view of the existing conditions.

L/Cpl. S. G. Brightly, of Royal Engineers, won the aperture sights race with a good score of 97, missing the possible at 400 yards by one point.

Aperture Sights

Rank	200	300	400	500	600	700	Total
L/Cpl. S. G. Brightly	32	31	31	34	34	34	196
Pte. G. A. Ribeiro	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
Sgt. (R) C. C. Chan Ser.	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
J. A. Gould Ser.	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
Sgt. (R) P. H. Thong Ser.	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
Sgt. R. J. Breece	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
Pte. G. Blice	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
Sgt. (R) A. C. Chan	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
H. J. S. Blice Ser.	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
L. Langley	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
Sgt. (R) K. C. Lion	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
L. W. Peckham	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
L. C. Thomas	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
A.S.P. (R) D. Lyle	32	30	32	34	34	34	196
E. J. Mitchell	32	30	32	34	34	34	196

Open Sights

Rank	200	300	400	500	600	700	Total
Q.M.S. J. Ball Nil	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Cpl. F. Cole	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
L/Cpl. A. O'Connell	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Cpl. V. M. Hammond	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
W. K. Gillman Ser.	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Sgt. M. F. Bushman	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Mns. Jas. Fletcher	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Pte. J. M. Xavier	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Sgt. R. J. Breece	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
H. J. S. Blice	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Capt. F. P. Sequiera	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
L/Cpl. J. E. Hawkins	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Sgt. O. M. Leong	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
V. R. Miers	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Pte. J. C. Fonseca	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Cpl. A. S. S. S. S. S.	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Pte. V. A. Sequiera Nil	30	31	31	34	34	34	194
Pte. A. Castro	30	31	31	34	34	34	194

(*) Winner of net spoon, (†) Winner of Handicap, (‡) Winner of 100 yds. and (¶) Spoon will have their handicaps reduced by one point.

Cycling

Best All-Round Contest Open To All

The Committee of the Hongkong Cycling Club have decided that the Best All-Round Contest which will shortly be held in the New Territories, shall be open to all cyclists. Any cyclist wishing to participate should be at the Alhambra Theatre at 8 a.m. on February 4.

The Club had an enjoyable outing on Sunday and several newcomers were present. The gathering left the Alhambra Theatre at 8.30 a.m. and after a few minor adjustments, arrived at Talpo at 11.30 a.m. where a halt was made foriffin.

Following this, the whole circuit back to Kowloon, via Castle Peak, was completed by 5.30 p.m.

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Reccreio Ladies have been awarded two points as a result of Central British School failing to field a team in their scheduled Cner Clark Cup fixture on Sunday.

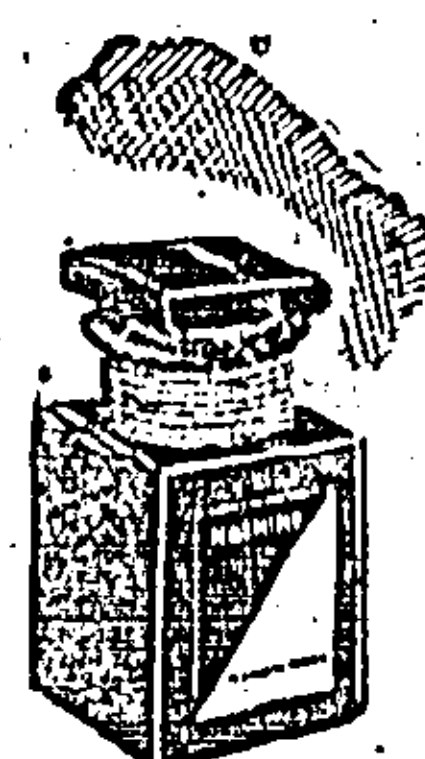
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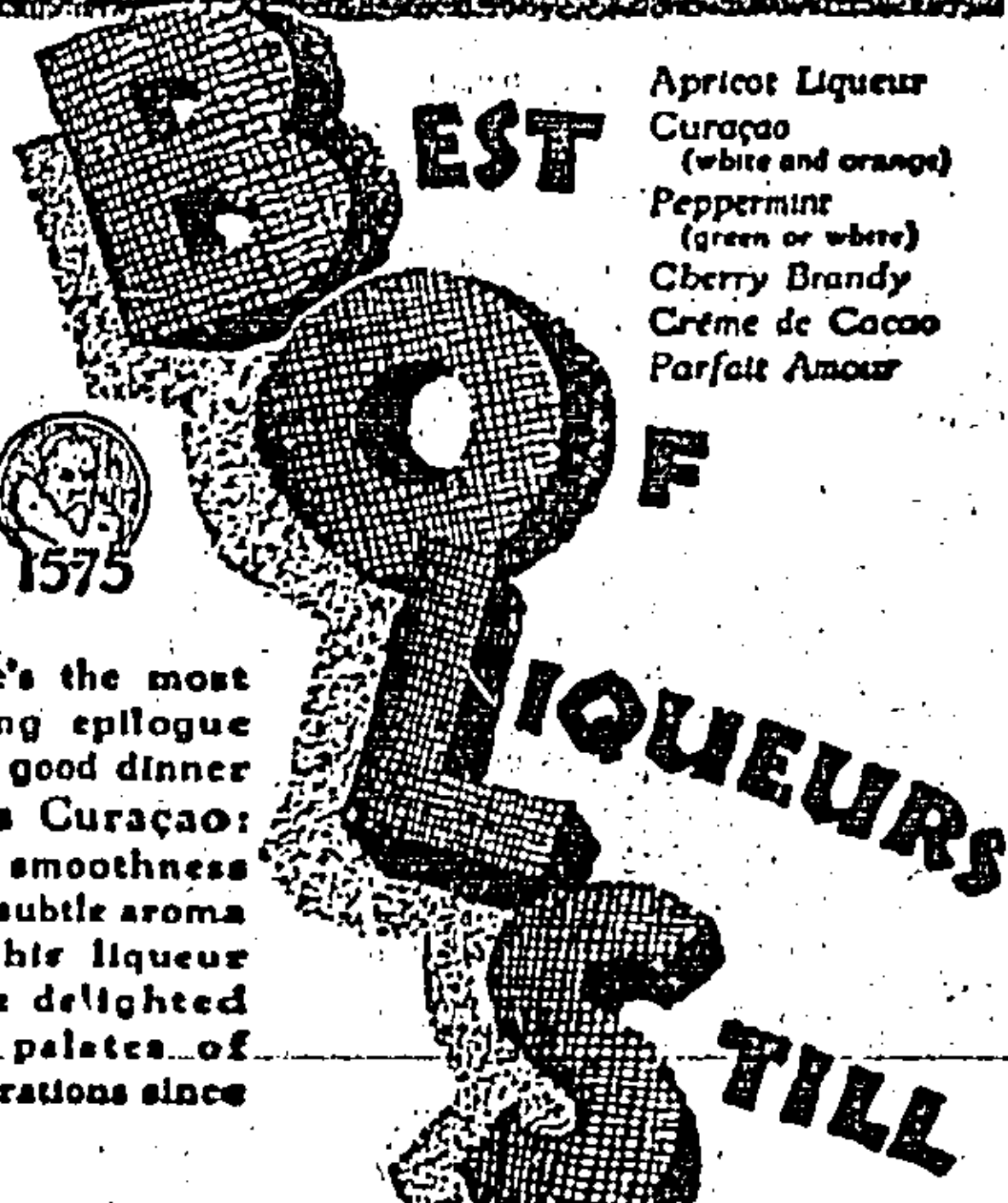
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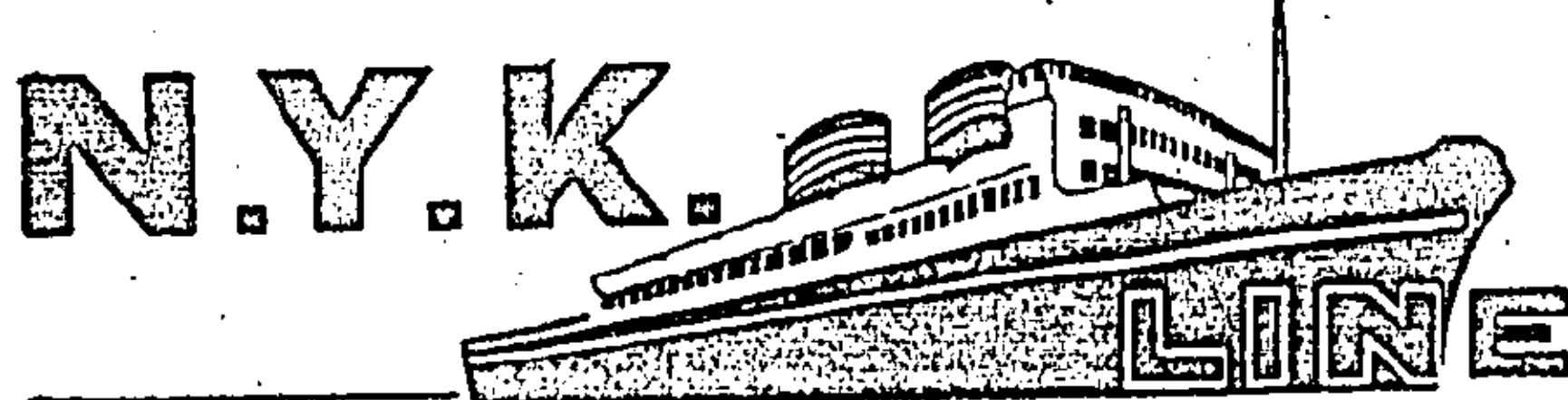
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**A.R.P. FOR
THE PUBS**

LONDON, Nov. 16.
The Conservative Member
for Evesham, Mr. de la Here, is
going to ask the Home Sec-
retary in the House of Commons
if he will sanction the hanging
of a blue light outside the bars
of public-houses in the black-
out.

He suggests a small low-
powered lamp either outside or
just inside the porch of every
door used by the public "in
view of the difficulty experi-
enced in both entering and
leaving licensed premises."

**How The Neutral Countries Are
Trying To Keep Out Of The War**

Our Own Correspondent

LONDON, (By Air Mail).—
I am to-day a little reminded of
the story of the mouse which
having found that a little port
wine had been spilt on the stairs,
lapped it up, and then duly and
properly stimulated, rushed up
the staircase of the house ex-
claiming: "Where's that d-d cat.
Let me get at her."

ROMANIA

King Carol defined Rumania's
foreign policy at Kishineff, capital of
Bessarabia, formerly a Russian pro-
vince, on January 7. "No enemy,"
he said, "will be able to set foot on
Rumanian soil, so long as Rumania
displays her existing spirit of unity."

"This thought should fortify our
hearts. My army should, in its turn,
be so fortified that no enemy will
ever be able to trample what is
sacredly and eternally Rumanian."

Before he spoke the leaders of the
Rumanian and German
minorities had told him that their
followers were loyal to the Govern-
ment.

The German minority's spokesman
declared that they were ready to give
their lives for the country which had
become their fatherland.

King Carol expressed his gratitude
for the pledges of loyalty by the
leaders of the minorities and declared
that, thanks to the unity of all the
peoples in Rumania, the country
would never be vanquished. "I do
not feel," he added, "that I have
come to an adopted land, but to a
province that has always been Rumanian."
His speech was loudly
cheered by 20,000 persons who had
gathered from all parts of Bessarabia.
The province is chiefly inhabited by
Rumanians.

HOLLAND

The Netherlands Government on
January 7 issued a formal declaration
that Holland would defend her
integrity against any attack. It was
undoubtedly intended as a final
warning to Germany, where, accord-
ing to reliable reports from Berlin,
the idea of a strike against Hup-
land is supported by General Keitel,
Chief of the German General Staff,
and other military leaders.

Any doubt in the mind of a potential
aggressor must now be removed.
"For some time," it was stated,
"tendentious reports have been cir-
culated in the foreign press, with the
result that doubts have been aroused
about Holland's determination to de-
fend herself against any attack with
all the means at her disposal. It
must, therefore, be declared once
more, to prevent misapprehensions,
that Holland's integrity is not an object
for barter, and that any assault on
Dutch territory will meet with the
most obstinate armed resistance from
whatever side the attack may come."
It was also announced that the
Netherlands Government had no in-
tention of submitting to German
pressure to leave the League of
Nations.

HUNGARY

The meeting between the Italian
and Hungarian Foreign Ministers,
according to a communiqué of Janu-
ary 7, resulted in a "perfect identity
of views" between the two Govern-
ments on all problems.

The problem dealt with Hungary's
claims on Transylvania, formerly a
Hungarian province and now under
Rumanian rule.

Italy, which has assumed the role
of Balkan Big Brother, wants no
internal friction in that area in order
to present a united front to Russia.
The result is Rumania need anti-
cipate no trouble on her Hungarian
flank, or even from Bulgaria, so long
as there is no danger of Russia at-
tempting to push southwards.

So Rumania which in peace time
looked suspiciously on all her neigh-
bours, and that conflicts elsewhere
in Europe have greatly simplified her
immediate problems.

SWITZERLAND

Renewed German Press attacks on
the neutrals have shown Switzerland
that it would be fatal to regard the
present lull as lasting. There are,
on the contrary, indications that
Germany will launch in the near
future diplomatic attacks on all
neutral neighbours, not excluding
Switzerland.

Any attempts of German pressure,
however, will not find Switzerland
unprepared.

With about 200,000 men per-
manently under arms, General
Guisan, Commander-in-Chief of the
Swiss Army, has not wasted time
since the outbreak of war. To-day
the strong artificial defences against
any invasion have been extended to
second and third lines which reach
far into the country's interior.

**KAISER 'KEEPING IN
BACKGROUND'****Junior Constitutional Club Welcomes
Overseas Troops**

The Junior Constitutional Club has offered honorary mem-
bership to officers of the Expeditionary Forces of Australia, Canada
and India for the period of the war.

**Wife writes
to Welsh
vicar**

Glowing with pride, the Rev.
J. L. C. Thomas, eighty-year-old
vicar of Aberpergwm, took from his
littered desk to-night a bundle of
letters bearing the crest of the ex-
Kaiser.

Untying a piece of blue tape, he
showed me one from the Princess
Hermine, the ex-Kaiser's wife, which
the village postman had brought to
his lonely, mountain-side home after
it had been delayed by the censors.

"Your letter was opened by the
censor,"
"May there come an end to this
horrible war, but more is coming
over the world, I fear."

"With kind regards, yours sin-
cerely,
"Hermine."

Mr. Thomas told of his long
friendship with the ex-Kaiser. "I
met him first forty-five years ago,
when he went on a pilgrimage to the
Holy Land," he said. "He came to
me at an Anglican church there."

"I did not renew our acquaintance
until he went into exile at Doorn.
Then I wrote reminding him of our
meeting, and I received an invitation
to visit him."

"My visit started a close friend-
ship, and I have been his guest on
three subsequent occasions. The
last time, a few months ago, I flew
to Doorn and spent several days
there."

"I have had dozens of letters from
various members of his family, be-
sides photographs and other mementoes."

"Just before war broke out I heard
from the Princess Hermine. She
said, 'The emperor is well, keep-
ing in the background, as he did since
November 1918—since twenty-one
years in Holland.'"

"She dreaded war, and a paragraph
in this letter said, 'May the worst be
not happen. May there not out
of this be born another world war.'"

**BRITISH FORCE
IN THE
MAGNOT LINE
Facts The Enemy Is
Trying To Learn**

By E. A. MONTAGUE

Reports which have appeared in
various British and French papers
to the effect that men of the British
force in the Magnot Line have
been in action are greatly exag-
gerated. It is still the fact that the
British troops and the Germans op-
posite them have confined them-
selves to patrols, which have not
so far come to close quarters with
each other, and to a certain amount
of artillery fire.

The width of the no-man's-land
between them, measured from out-
posts to outposts, is something like
half a mile or more, and the dis-
tance from the Magnot Line to the
corresponding lines on the German
side is much greater.

The British force is astride the
Magnot Line, part of it holding the
line itself, and part the outposts,
while a third part is in reserve be-
hind the line. The Germans in the
sector are active in patrolling, no
doubt because they still do not
know the exact size, composition,
and location of the British force.
If they could actually see even the
heads of the troops opposed to them
their task of identification would
not be difficult, for the British steel
helmet is of a pattern easily dis-
tinguishable from that of the
French.

Champagne Tribute

There is no doubt that the arrival
of British troops in the Magnot
Line has had a happy effect on
inter-allied sentiment. I saw a
perhaps trivial instance of it last
night. At the restaurant where I
dine the waiters served a glass of
champagne to every guest. When
we inquired, we were told that a
French officer had ordered cham-
pagne for every British officer in
the place. We had some difficulty
in finding out who the public house
factor was. When we eventually
located him he turned out to be not
a young man in his cups but a
sober, senior officer at the French
Air Force wearing the ribbon of a
high class of the Legion of Honor,
who bowed with grave courtesy
when we asked our glasses to him.
The incident was pleasant and a
little surprising after three months
of war, during which the British
and French have come to accept
each other with friendliness, but
without demonstration.

War Report

The French war communique
issued yesterday morning reads:
"Patrol activity on the whole of
the central part of the front from
the Moselle to the Rhine."

**INKY
PINKY
PARLEZ
VOUS****B. E. F. ADOPTS
FRENCH SONGS**

By Richard McMillan

("United Press" War
Correspondent)

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE
WITH THE B.E.F.—R.A.F.
officers have adopted French
songs to sing in mess or to hum
to themselves as they zoom
through the skies to meet the
enemy.

Daily co-operation with the
French army of the air has en-
abled the R.A.F. to pick up the
tunes quickly as well as ex-
pertly, and when the remark is
made "Let's have a song" when
a group of pilots and observers
are the company bursts into
valuable French with gesticula-
tions to match.

"Madelon" is popular, but the real
favourite which the R.A.F. love, is
a French artillery song, "Selima, me
Jolie" which has a fine swing. It tells
a story of how a singer will love
"toute sa vie," and then in a cadence
something like "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-
bye."

"Drink The Wine"
"My companions of the Round
Table," sung in the original French,
is another popular number.

It starts off with the invitation to
drink the wine to see if it is good
and proceeds to describe the best
position for drinking the feet against
the wall and the head under the
"rabit" of the wine barrel.

We Know This One

Then there is the song in English
obviously written by an unknown of
the Royal Air Force.

"A young aviator lay dying
And as by his wreckage he lay
To the airman who around him
Were sighing

These last parting words did he
say:
"Take the cylinder out of my kid-
ney

The connecting rod out of my brain
From the snarl of my neck take the
crankshaft

And assemble the engine again
Get me six wildkisses and sodas
And set them up in a row
Get me six jolly good fellows
And drink to the bustled P.O.

The last lines tell the moral of the
story. They run:
They buried him deep in the grave-
yard

In six feet of earth did he lie
And remember if you don't want
to follow him

It's only bats and B.E.F.'s that fly.
This song is becoming popular
with the French pilots and when the
two air forces get together one even-
ing it is a common experience to find
a young British officer threatening
to teach his Gallic comrade the words
and tune of the ballad of the skies.

Toasts in French are eagerly learned
and used in the R.A.F. mess.
French cavalry officers have taught
the officer one toast which will not
bear repeating in salons at home
when the lads get their first leave.

**STOCK MARKET
REPORT**

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official
Summary issued yesterday says:
Neighbouring political moves may
partly account for the fact that to-
day the market has relaxed into a
somnolent state, interest in the
market has been on a distinctly small
scale.

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TRAGEDY**

Crowded Steamer Sinks
On Yangtse

Chungking, Jan. 22.
More than 100 people were drown-
ed yesterday when two steamers
collided on the Yangtse just below
Chungking. According to a semi-
official report the number of dead
has reached 200, of which 30 are girl
students.

The vessels involved were the
Chien Hsin, of the Minshin Company,
and the Yilung, The Chien Hsin
cut right through the Yilung, which
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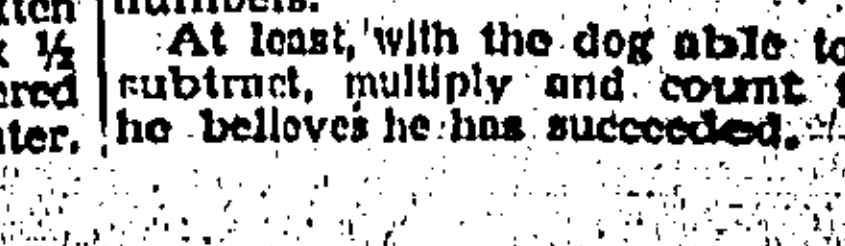
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case history of each and every patient shall be burned," he wrote.

borax and 2 cups of camphor wa



At least, with the dog able to subtract, multiply and count to five, the bellows he has succeeded.

THE KRIS THE REAL GLORY

THE arrival of the steamer from Manila broke the deadly routine of the drilling and lightened the tension.

When it blew its long sharp blast of greeting while still far out in the harbour, it seemed to bring the sane and ordered world of the outside closer and the fanatic menace of the jungle faded away into unreality.

Villagers and soldiers crowded to the shore. Canavan, McCool and Larsen hurried down to meet the freight launch, with puttees and buttons specially shined for the advent of Mrs. Manning, who was paying a brief visit to her husband.

Canavan was expecting medical supplies, Larsen some orchid seedlings and two cases of beer, and McCool was waiting for confirmation of his claim on an island he had romantically decided to retire to, after his fighting days were over.

It was just off the coast of Mindanao. "The island of Terence McCool!"—he was spinning out the yarn as they walked to the boat landing. "As green as Erin, with a beach like powdered sugar—a veritable Garden of Eden with never a snake or a woman."

His companions weren't listening to him; they were staring at the passenger launch drawing up to the landing.

He followed their gaze and his jaw dropped in amazed delight; sitting in the back of the launch beside Mrs. Manning, was a young girl of striking beauty, scanning the shore with eager expectant eyes.

This amazing gift to the solitude of Mysang held all three utterly spellbound. McCool found his tongue first. "As chairman of the greeting committee—" All three were pushing and shoving on the edge of the wharf for the honour of helping her out of the tender.



out of the picture by McCool's blarney. "I'd like to show you my orchids some time, Miss Hartley," he said with solemn earnestness.

"I'm not at all busy with patients," Canavan said smoothly, as though the other two didn't exist. "I only have two—a couple of rats. One of them's pretty sick."

"What's the matter with it?" Linda asked politely. McCool leaned across Canavan—who, he had just noted, had Linda's arm through his. "He's dying of a broken heart—just like myself."

And again he grinned—his very nicest Irish grin. THEY left her at the steps of Hartley's quarters and after saying goodbye strolled reluctantly away. Linda hesitated for a moment at the foot of the steps.

It had been a long long time, and she was here without her father's permission—simply because she was heart-lonely for him. Half eager, half apprehensive, she went in.

That night was a gala evening in Mysang. The club-house was strung with festoons and Chinese lanterns and music played. The officers were in white dress and the wives and daughters of the village dignitaries wore their stately native costumes of pinn cloth. All side arms were piled on a table over which the Datu stood.

The night rules had been relaxed and some of the natives were permitted to watch the festivities from the parade ground. Pelders hawked their wares in the streets and there was an atmosphere of gaiety and laughter that had not invaded Mysang in a long time.

Mabel Manning had heard the news that her husband's leave was indefinitely cancelled because of Hatcher's death. (Although Manning had carefully concealed from her how he died.)

She had her orders from him that she must return to Manila along with the two of them on the Luneta, was to be here alone—to wait in. But she was a soldier's wife. She was smiling and gay and her eyes were shining as they walked together. It was to be goodbye again so soon, they were like lovers, first met.

Linda had her orders, too, from her father; she was to go back with Mrs. Manning when the boat sailed in four days. Mysang was no place for women.

But Hartley hovered around her at the party like a stiff perturbed bird with its one precious chick, and there was nothing on earth his eyes seemed more eager to rest on than her lovely face.

Canavan and McCool felt the same way. And even Swede Larsen, who was officer of the day, and not allowed at the dance, managed to sneak time off to bring her one of his orchids. "It's a bromeliad—tall and trifoliate," he said proudly. "I bring a pin for it."

The warm quiet beauty of Linda brought their dreams to life and under the soft glow of the lanterns

while Yabou's wife sang a haunting native melody, they expressed their almost without realising it. "Linda," Canavan murmured, "that's Spanish for beautiful."

"Linda," sighed McCool, sitting close to her on the other side. "That's what I'll call my island, Linda Island."

Canavan took her away to dance so that they could be alone. They talked about the army. Canavan had only joined it for experience as a doctor; he planned to quit next year.

Linda thought the army was the greatest career in the world. "When I was six the ambition of my life was to be a Top Sergeant in my father's regiment," she said. "Queer ambition for a girl."

"When I was ten my father got me a uniform and I liked it better than any dress I ever had."

Canavan, struck motionless by this deadly thought, pushed her at arms length, and exclaimed with profound sincerity, "Oh, no!"

Manning left his wife for a moment to speak to the Datu. "Datu," my wife returns to Manila at once.

A. E. DAVIES WINS KOWLOON G.C. SENIOR TITLE

PLAYING in the final of the Kowloon Golf Club's senior championship, A. E. Davies won the title when he beat R. K. Collings at the 36th hole recently.

The Junior Championship was won by T. Henderson, who beat W. Ker-shaw in the final by 9 and 8.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY ELEVENS

The following teams will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches this week:

THURSDAY
"A" XI v. Hongkong-Singapore Brigade, R.A.—Benwell; Jordan; Perry; Smith; McLellan and Tomlinson; Stone, Gemmell, Bartlett, Austen and Baldwin. (At "y" ground, 4.45 p.m.)
SATURDAY
1st XI v. Rajputana Rifles—Benwell; Jordan and Yuricoff; Kempton, Bates and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Taylor, Austen and Coombes. (At "y" ground, 4.15 p.m.)
2nd XI v. R.A.S.C.—Clegg; Killean and Perry; Smith, Tomlinson and Brock; MacKenzie, Rix, Spare, Morgan and Banks. (At U.S.R.C. ground, Chatham Rd., 4.15 p.m.)

TAJIMA MARU REFLOATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 22 (Dome).—The London office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has received a message that the steamer Tajima Maru, which ran aground near Shide off Antwerp on Friday morning, succeeded in refloating at noon to-day.

I'd like to give her a present. You trade in pearls.

The Datu smiled. "I could get you some—but not before the boat leaves." Manning was disappointed. The Datu leaned forward anxiously to be of help. "There is a lace pedler outside," he suggested. "He may have something your wife might like."

MANNING stepped to the edge of the veranda and looked down in the milling street. The lace pedler sauntered by, his ware spread out on a tray strapped around his neck. At a nod from the Datu he responded at once to Manning's signal to approach.

The music and dancing had started again and the veranda was almost without realising it. Manning walked to the foot of the steps, and in the soft light of the Chinese lanterns studied the shawls and scarves on the tray. He did not see the eyes of the pedler fixed on his face, changing from a dead impassivity to a rising inferno of hate; nor did he notice the hands resting on either side of the tray slowly reach beneath it for the long curved handle of a kris.

Inside the clubhouse Mabel Manning had missed her husband from the room, and stepped out on the veranda to look for him.

As she did so the shrill cry of the Juramentado pierced her ears; it stopped the music and laughter behind her as though the cry itself had the power to cut, and in the gloom of the street below she saw the kris rise, gleaming cruelly in the light, over her husband's bowed head.

Scream after scream rocketed from her throat, wrenched from her by the horrible vision of her husband cut down before her eyes; and they did not stop even when Canavan stood before her blotting out the ghastly sight.

She screamed like an animal—as though the kris were in her own body.

Linda saw Canavan take her arms and shake her, until her stricken eyes met his.

Held on the verge of complete hysteria, the screams shortened and died, and she went into his arms, sobbing.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Mozart—Concerto in E Flat Major.
12.55 A Mozart Song.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Royal Naval Singers in Sea Shanties and Songs.
1.13 New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Dance Music.
2.15 Close Down.

2.30 Old English Music.
3.00 Suite for Strings (Purcell)..... Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli; Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes (Words: Ben Jonson; Music: Purcell) (from the film "The Sign of the Cross")..... Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli; Passing By (Herrick; Nash Dennis Hubert; Riddle; Nash Dennis Hubert and Norman Allin with String Quartette; Chaconne (Purcell); Galliard (William Byrd)..... Society of Ancient Instruments.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 B.B.C. Recording—"D'ye Ken John Peel?"

A Programme in Honour of the Famous Cumberland Huntsman. Written and Produced by William MacLure.
7.03 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.
7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Songs by Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).
Do Glory Road (film "Metropolis"); Edward (Op. 1, No. 1—Karl Loewe).
8.11 Resplend—"The Birds" A Suite for Small Orchestra.
Brussels Royal Conservatoire Orchestra cond. by Desiro Defauw.
8.30 Studio—The Tonoff Trio playing Enrico Bossi Trio, Op. 107, in 3 Mins.
9.00 Two Songs by Amelia Galli-Curiel (Soprano).
Chanson Indoue ("Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov); Les Filles Du Cadix (Debussy).
9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."
9.45 A Variety Programme with Max Miller, Phil Regan, Frances Day, Connie Roswell and Others.
10.00 At The Bathing Parade (film "Everything happens to Me")

Memorial Service For Late Marshal

PEIPING, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Many prominent foreigners, including diplomatic officials, were present at a special memorial ceremony to the late Marshal Wu Pei-fu yesterday afternoon.

At this ceremony, foreigners paid their respects at the late Marshal's home. Each of those attending bowed three times to the Marshal's portrait.

The reception hall was hung with many eulogistic scrolls.

The funeral will take place on the morning of January 24.

Senator Borah's Funeral Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—The President, Mrs. Roosevelt, and members of the Supreme Court and Diplomatic Corps, and many others attended the funeral service for the late Senator William E. Borah in the Senate Chamber.

The floral tributes included one of gladioli and lilies, sent jointly from the Diplomatic Corps.

The late Senator's body is being taken to Boise City, Idaho, for burial on Friday.

Nazi Atrocities Profoundly Shock The Pope

GRIEVOUS AFFRONT TO MANKIND

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—An outspoken denunciation of the atrocities in Poland was broadcast by the Vatican radio to-day.

The Pope, said the announcer, had been profoundly pained by the reports received of the plight of those in Poland, "in whose resurrection he continues to believe."

THEY DON'T LIKE US

Japanese Only Want Japanese Versions

The "Publicity Bureau of the Japanese South China Expeditionary Force, Canton" is annoyed with Hongkong newspapers, both European and vernacular.

Premence is given to its annoyance in the latest issue of the "Hongkong News," a Japanese publication.

Vernacular newspapers are taken to task for publishing reports emanating from Chungking.

Another message from "an undisclosed front" (presumably the same source) says:

"Since the 5th of this month, the Chinese Papers in Hongkong started to publish their demagogic propaganda regarding North Kwantung and Nanking Operations and at the same time all the local English papers in Hongkong began to publish the information of the operations in the same manner as the Chungking papers, reporting the complete defeat of the Japanese army."

"Almost all sources of those are from the Central News, or special correspondents of anti-Japanese Chinese Papers, except Reuter."

"As for Reuter, since the beginning of these operations, they have been issuing rather fair information, but all the local English papers in Hongkong show this mysterious attitude, which can hardly be understood."

"The British papers in Hongkong are quite free to publish any distorted news, but it displeases the South China Detachment of the Japanese army to see these local English papers print such news, just as relations between the two countries have gradually been improving."

Urban Council Vacancy

Dr. R. A. Basto Seeks Re-Election

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (London) is to stand again for election to the Urban Council.

Dr. Basto has just vacated a seat on the Council at the expiration of a three years' term.

Dr. Basto is being nominated for re-election by the Hon. Sir Henry Phipps, and seconded by Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E., President of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

He has been serving as an elected member to the Council for the last nine years.

Should another nomination be put forward on or before Wednesday, January 23, Hongkong will find it necessary to vote a candidate to the Council for the first time since 1932.

In the event of there being no contest for the vacancy, Dr. Basto will automatically become re-elected.

The New Year brings from Warsaw, Cracow, Pomerania, Posnan and Silesia daily tales of destruction, he went on.

Accounts of the atrocities on the homeless and helpless are not confined to that section of Poland occupied by the Russians, for even more violent atrocities are reported in German occupied Poland.

Contemptuous Insult
This was "one more grievous affront" to the moral conscience of mankind, and "one more contemptuous insult" to the civilised world.

While hunger faces 70 per cent of Poland's population, food is being shipped to Germany to replenish the granaries of the capital.

The crowding, iniquity, concluded the announcer, was the suspension of all religious manifestations among one of Europe's most devout people.

Church's Manifesto
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).

—Christians in neutral countries cannot remain neutral in the present international conflict, declares a manifesto issued by 33 prominent Protestant clergy and laymen.

The manifesto says: "The basic distinctions between the civilisations in which justice and freedom are still realities and those in which they have been displaced by ruthless tyranny cannot be ignored."

"Victory of the Allies and China would not, in itself, assure the establishment of justice and peace; but victory of Germany, Russia and Japan would, definitely, preclude justice, freedom of thought and worship, and that international co-operation which is fundamental to the Christian world and order."

America's Duty
"The United States cannot hope to have a part in determining a just and stable peace, unless, during the conflict, she proves herself alive to the deeper issues involved, is sympathetic and is prepared to make a contribution to a better future."

"That contribution cannot be merely in terms of moral preaching, and lofty ideals for the conduct of other nations, but rather of responsible national participation in the long and painful task of peaceful reconstruction."

The "New York Herald Tribune," which publishes the manifesto on the front page, declares in its editorial: "The appeal is a refreshing confirmation of the fact that soft-minded pacifism is on the decline in the United States."

The signatories include the presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the President of Yale University, and the President of Brown University.

New British Consul For Peiping

PEIPING, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. A. A. L. Tuson arrived here yesterday to relieve Mr. L. H. Lamb as British Consul in Peiping.

Mr. Lamb, it is understood, is leaving on February 3 for Shanghai where he is expected to take up the position of Superintending Consul.



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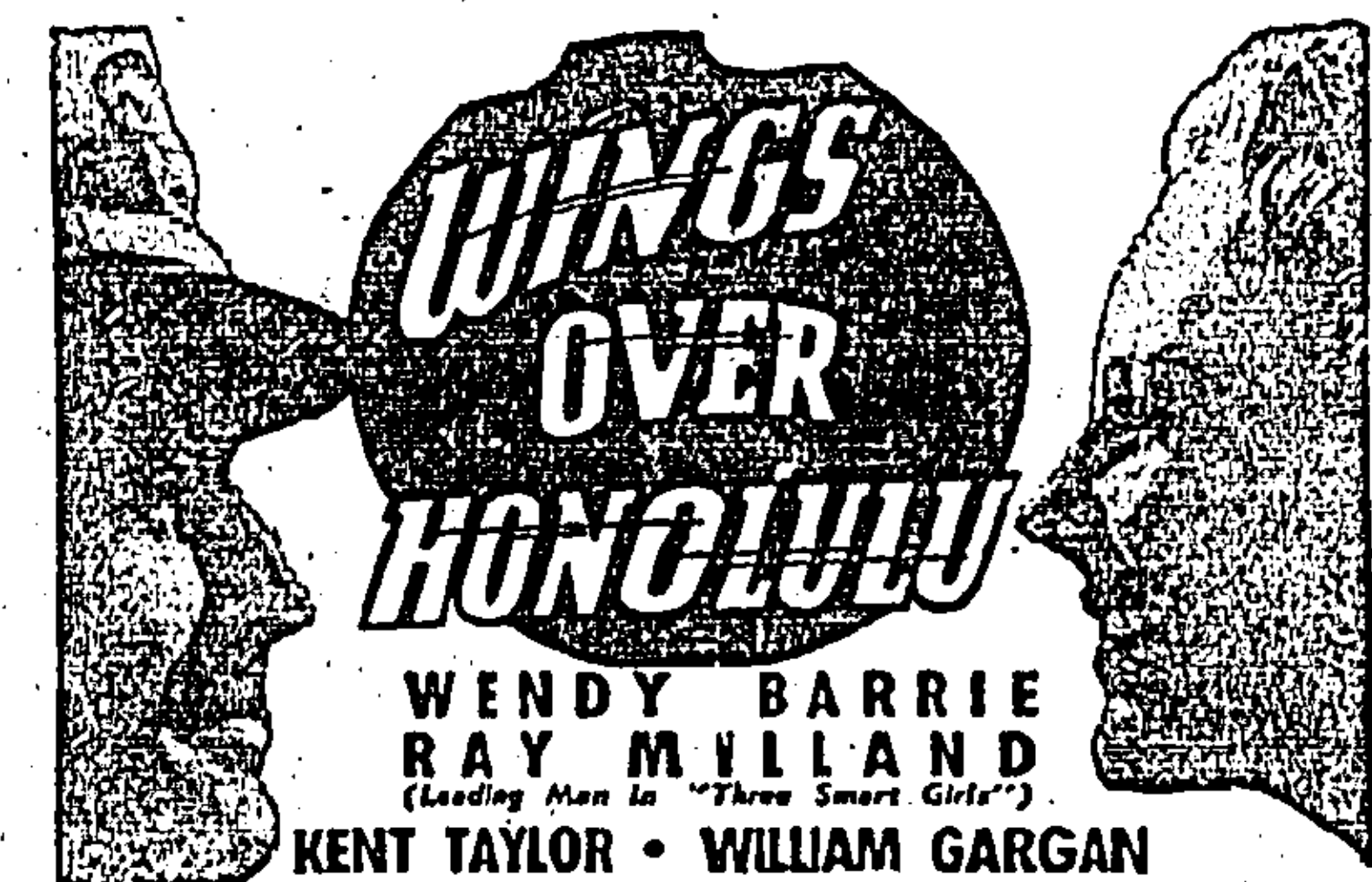
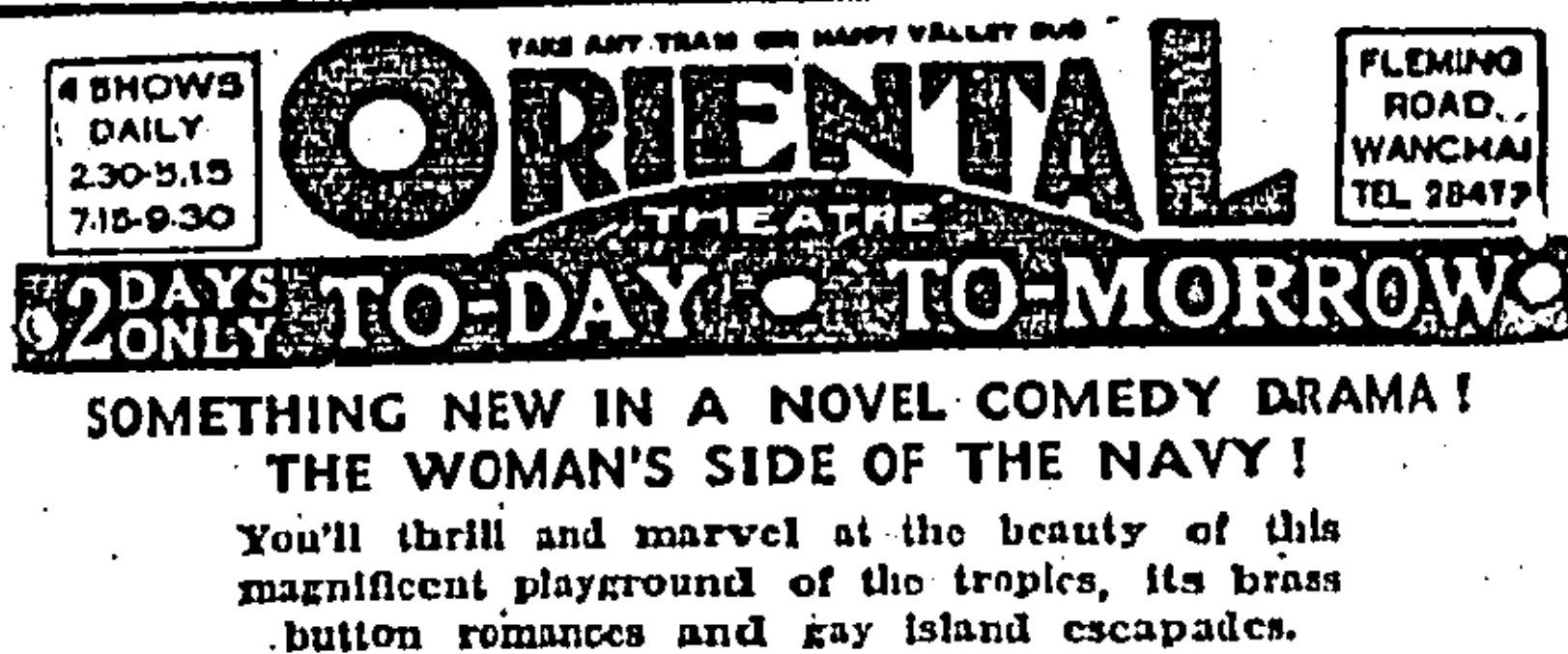
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U.S. SENSATION

RED NO. 1 GAOLED

Browder Convicted in
New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party in America, was today convicted of charges of twice using passports obtained by a false statement.

He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$1,000 on each of the two counts.

The prison terms are to run consecutively. Passing sentence, Justice Alfred Cox said that the verdict of the jury was the only possible one they could have returned.

Although he had engaged one of New York's leading lawyers to defend him, Browder summed up his own case, declaring that the Government's prosecution was a "long, complicated and flimsy chain."

Browder said that he was proud that he was a Communist and had nothing to apologise for.

Boats Of Affiliation With Communists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (UP).—The trial of Earl Browder, Secretary to the American Communist Party, went to the jury at 3.00 p.m. today after summations of the charge being made to the jurors.

Browder, who acted as his own advocate during the hour and a quarter taken over the summations, defiantly stated: "I am a Communist and proud of it!"

He asked for a verdict of acquittal "in the American tradition." The counsel for the prosecution, in a summation taking three-quarters of an hour, charged Browder with a carefully versed scheme for fraudulently obtaining passports.

"He got so bold that he did it four times," the prosecution asserted.

"If ever there was a deliberate repetition of aggravation and wilful intent, it is in this case," he contended.

Browder, occasionally pounding the jury rail in his excitement, denied that the Government had found him guilty.

He launched into a discussion on "the rights of American labour and the American working class." Judge Cox, however, forced him to desist, drawing attention to the fact that his communistic affiliations have no connection with the case.

Browder To Appeal

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Earl Browder's bail in the sum of \$7,500 will be continued until Wednesday when he appears for fixing a new bond in connection with his appeal.

The jury took only 45 minutes to consider the verdict in the Browder case.

Browder may have to serve only three years in prison if he qualifies each year for a three-month reduction of his sentence for good behaviour.

Jury Thanked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (UP).—After deliberating 45 minutes, the jury convicted Earl Browder on both counts for fraudulently securing passports, making him liable to a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a \$4,000 fine. Judge Cox immediately sentenced Browder to 4 years' imprisonment and fined him \$2,000.

Judge Cox said, "I am not in the habit of thanking juries, but in this case I want to thank them for the way they courageously and fearlessly conducted themselves."

Browder's bail was continued until Wednesday, the judge explaining that the defence counsel must perfect an appeal by that time. Browder left the court-room, presumably to speak at to-night's State Communist rally, which is being held in Madison Square Gardens.

Three Accused Of Robbery

Mistaken Identity
Defence

A highway robbery on Conduit Path was recalled in the Sessions Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Albert Magregor, when a youthful Chinese, How Sal-kuong, was charged with robbery on December 13 at Pokfulam.

He and two others, Yip Kow, who has pleaded guilty to the offence, and another not in custody, were alleged to have held up a young man and a girl who were walking down Conduit Path and to have relieved the man of a wrist watch, a ring and a dollar note.

How denied taking any part in the robbery. The following jury were empanelled: W. J. Mills (Foreman), G. W. Cooper, E. Lansdowne, T. P. Stanton, A. H. Roberts, 'Lau Kau, Wong Sun-mun.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said the accused's defence was that it was a case of mistaken identity in so far as he was concerned.

Yu-chu, the youth who was robbed, said accused was one of the party and had tried to steal his wrist watch. Later, at an identification parade, he had no difficulty in picking him out as one of the robbers. The hearing is proceeding.

Kowloon Residents' Assn: Discuss—

BUS TICKETS, LIFE-SAVING, TREES NUISANCE

The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday last. Those present included Major C. M. Manners (President), Mr. Lam Ming Fan (Vice-President), Rev. H. D. Rosenthal (Hon. Secretary), Mr. R. H. Wong (Hon. Treasurer), Miss R. Mow Fung, Messrs. R. Baldwin, Li Chor Chi, G. V. T. Marshall, C. E. Ferry, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji and B. Wylie.

After the Minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the President stated that the relative sub-committees had instituted enquiries into the matter of Street-watering and had not yet completed their report.

Family School Bus Tickets

In reply to the Association's letter to the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. regarding discontinuance of family school tickets, a letter from the Bus Co. was read which stated that the Directors had very carefully considered the whole situation with regard to these tickets but regretted they were unable to reconsider their decision at present.

This matter was discussed at some length and it was pointed out by a representative of the Motor Bus Co. that these family school tickets had been issued in the first instance as a result of representations made by the K.R.A. to meet certain special cases of hardship. They had never been introduced as standard tickets but were entirely a concession on the part of the Company in special cases.

The use of such tickets, however, had spread to such an extent that the Company considered that their use was no longer justified, especially as no such concession was granted by other similar transport companies.

It was agreed, in view of this explanation, that no useful purpose would be served in carrying the matter further.

Ferries And Life-Saving

Repiles from the Hongkong Yau-mat Ferry Co. and the Star Ferry Co. to the Association's request for information as to life-saving apparatus and drills on ferry launches were read. It appeared therefrom that in the case of the Star Ferry Co. lifebuoys fitted with Holmes' Lights were carried on every ferry, that all members of their crews were able to swim and that regular tests in the use of life-saving appliances were carried out.

The reply from the Yau-mat Ferry Co. however, intimated that only a certain number of the launches were equipped with lifebuoys fitted with Holmes' Lights and only some of the crews were able to swim and were efficient in the use of life-saving appliances. It was unanimously agreed that the situation was unsatisfactory and that copies of the correspondence should be forwarded to Government for their information.

Trees Nuisance

The nuisance occasioned in Kowloon by trees overhanging the footpaths was again discussed. It was stated that no reply had been received to the Association's letter on the subject although it was understood that that letter had been posted in the Kowloon Tong Clubhouse.

The date of the Annual General Meeting of the Association was provisionally fixed for Tuesday, March 5, and in view of this meeting, it was decided that the usual quarterly open meeting due in February would not be held.

88th Birthday Celebration

Tributes To Dr. C. T.
Wang's Mother

Dr. C. T. Wang's mother is celebrating her 88th birthday at Dr. Wang's Kowloon Tong residence today.

Dr. Wang was former Chinese Ambassador to the United States. A large number of friends visited Mrs. Wang this morning to congratulate her, among them being the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, and Mr. Li Sing-kuo, of the Hongkong Chinese community.

A number of high Chinese officials now residing in the Colony also visited Mrs. Wang to pay tribute, among them being Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Mr. Tu Yue-sen, General Wu Teh-chen, Mr. Wang Shao-lai, Mr. O. K. Yui, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Chen Sing-tai, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Liu, Admiral and Mrs. Chen Chak, Mr. and Mrs. Yih Tach-tong, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred See, Mr. and Mrs. Zeh Teh-moi, Mr. and Mrs. Foo Yau-ling, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Tong Zai-ming, and many others.

Italian Cabinet Meeting

ROME, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Italian Cabinet met yesterday under Mussolini's presidency and sat for three hours. A number of measures were approved.

Germans To Fight For France

PARIS.—Six hundred German recruits for the French Foreign Legion left Paris for a training camp in the provinces.

As their train steamed out of the station they leaped from their compartments and shouted, "Down with Hitler!"

The men, all political and racial refugees, were interned in camps on the outbreak of war.

Later they volunteered to serve for the duration in special formations of the Legion.

Dressed in French khaki, the Germans, who will serve in Algeria, all wear a special badge representing a caduceus.

"The French," one of the men said, "are only defending themselves, but we are out to have our revenge. We have suffered too much under Hitler's regime to wish that the rest of the world should learn what it is like."

Empire Bound "To Collapse"

—U.S. ECONOMIST

BOSTON, Mass. (UP).—Economist Roger W. Babson recently said that "the British Empire—as now constituted—is bound to collapse."

He also told a Boston Chamber of Commerce audience that "there is no logical excuse for so many nations as now exist."

"There should be only four or five possessing armaments and a dominating voice in world affairs," Babson said. "The balance must expect to become protectorates, if not integral parts of stronger nations. If nature takes its natural course, these dominating nations will be Russia, Germany, England, Japan or China, and possibly the United States."

Babson, who recently returned from a two-month tour of the Orient, offered these conclusions:

1. "I am not sure a second world war now exists in Europe. In China, Ethiopia and Spain, we had wars without a declaration of war. Why cannot we now have a declaration of war without war?"

2. "War or no war, I have felt since July 23 that good stocks, selected commodities and productive real estate are safe purchases I still feel so."

3. "I see no great future for the United States until the dollar is devalued further."

LATE NEWS

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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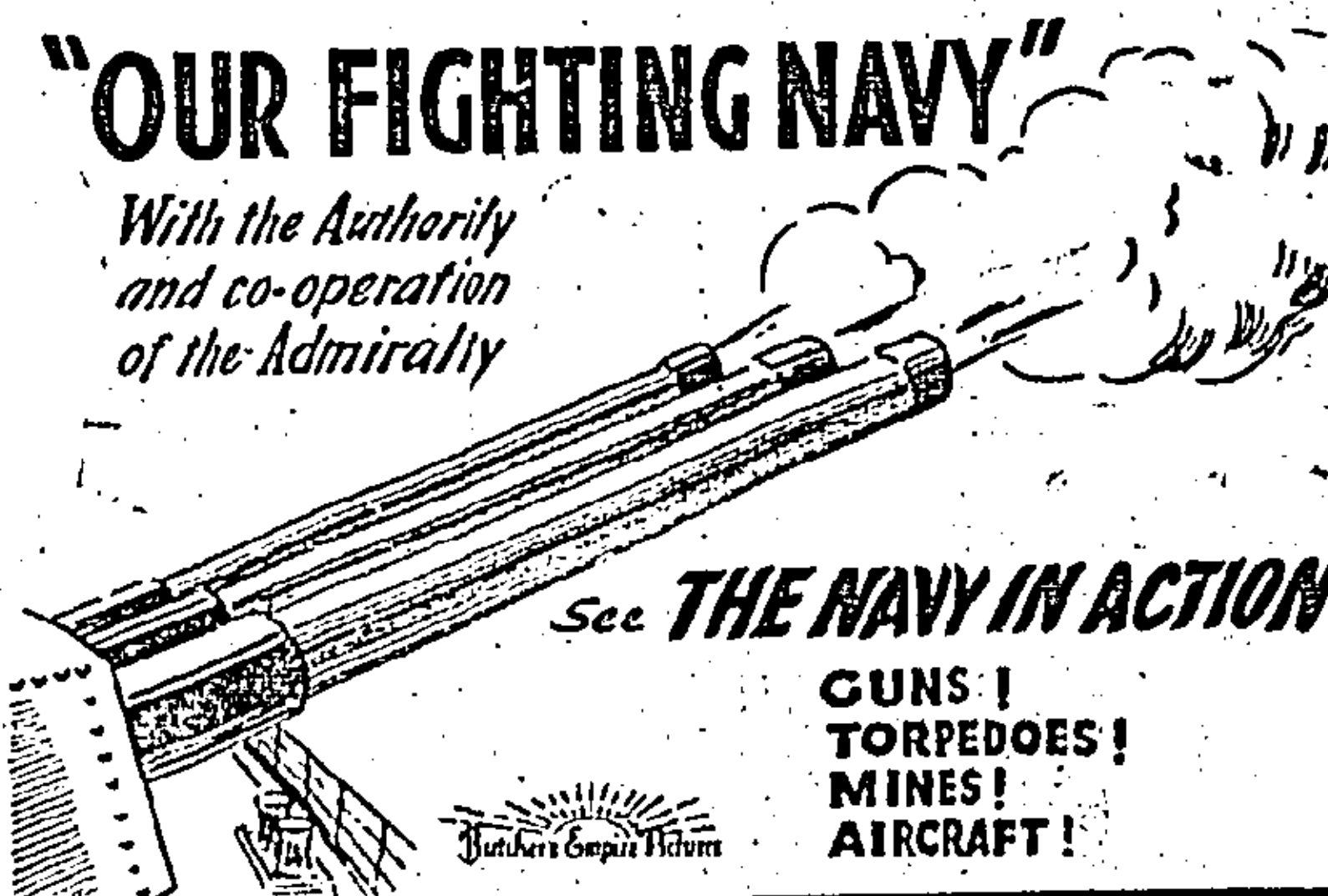
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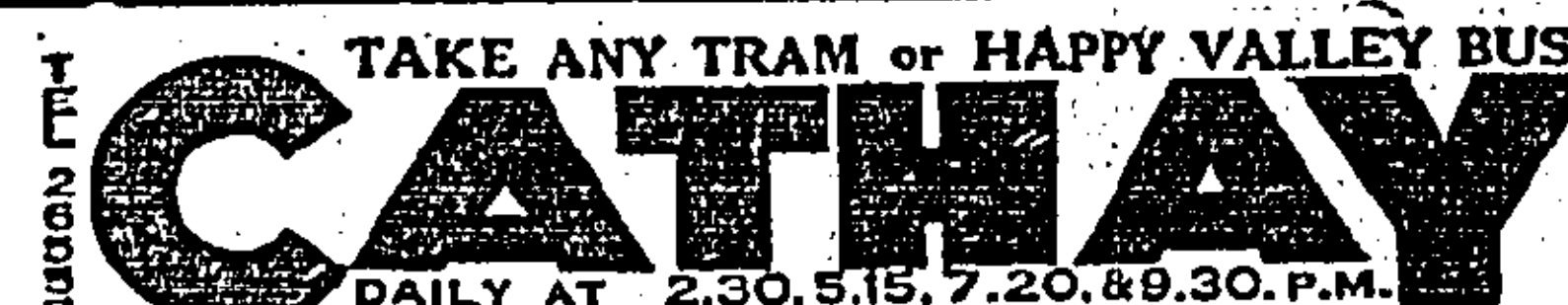
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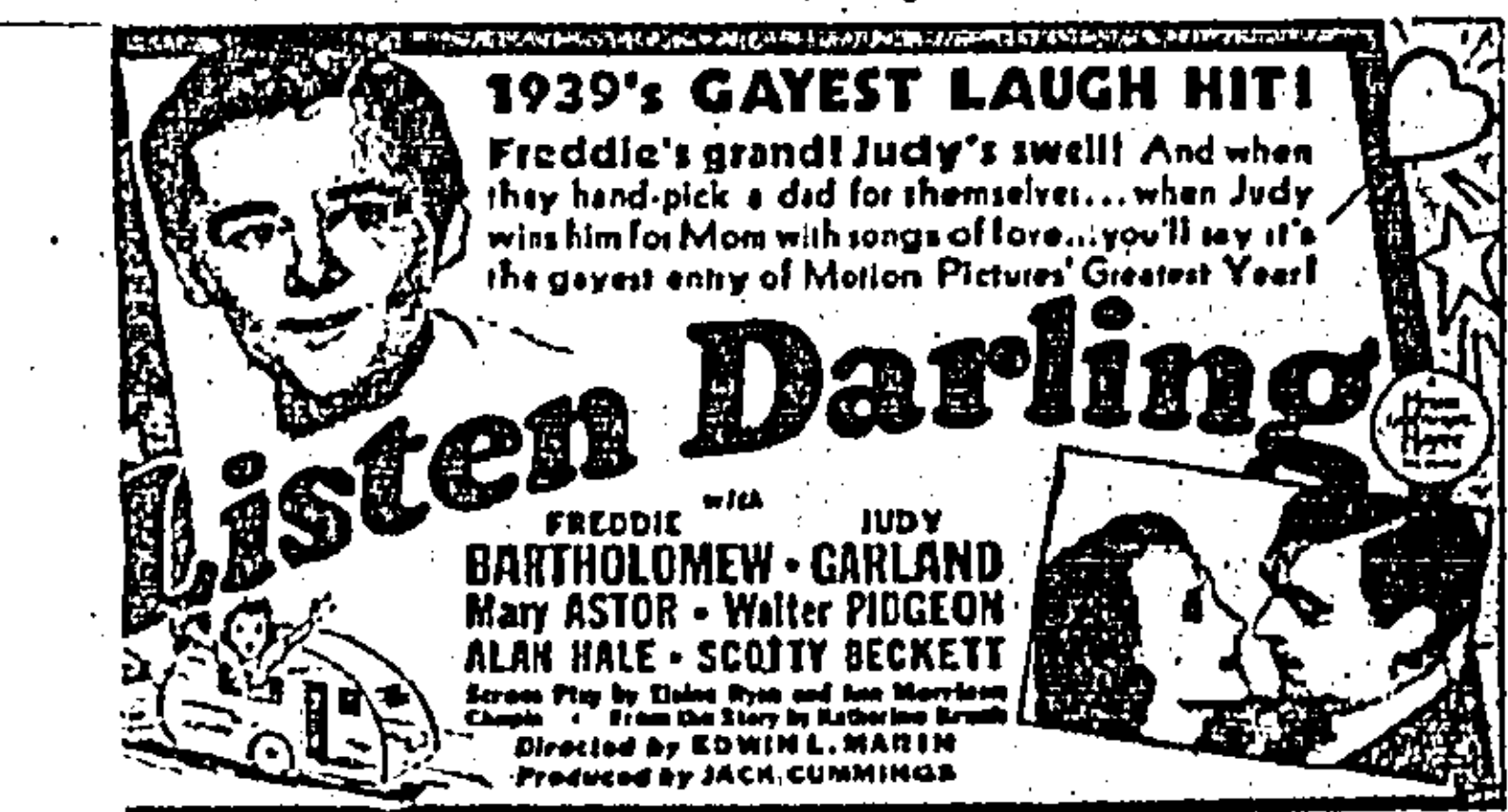
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Amazing Old Bailey Scenes

Armed Guards For
I.R.A. Murderers

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Exceptional precautions were taken when the I.R.A. appeals against the death sentences for the Coventry bomb outrage were heard at the Old Bailey today.

There have rarely been such measures in the history of the Law Courts. A strong police cordon was thrown round the building, all the entrances were watched, and the courtyards were patrolled.

Two hundred police were on duty in every part of the building and a special guard was provided for the prisoners. Five wardens armed with revolvers were with them in the dock.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

U.S. Tobacco A Burning Question

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, visited Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, today to discuss particularly the situation created by the suspension of United States tobacco imports into Britain.

Mr. Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, together with other Government officials and private individuals, are urging the State Department to protest against Britain's policy of not authorising an allotment of exchange for purchase of United States tobacco.

It is understood that Mr. Cordell Hull has requested or will request the British Government to continue to fill at least part of its tobacco requirements on the United States market.

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